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THE
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION
Nº 2
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1947
PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
14TH ANNUAL SESSION

Convened at
The First Free Will Baptist Church
Alabama City, Ala.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

the daughters of

Rev. G. W. Million

in his memory

MINUTES OF THE LIBERTY ASSOCIATION NO. 2 OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Through the extended mercies of God, the Liberty Association of Free Will Baptists met in its 14th Annual Session with the 1st F. W. B. Church of Alabama City, Ala. September 26th-27th, 1947.

Officers

Rev. W. C. Patterson Moderator
Bro. D. J. O'Donnell Assistant Moderator
Rev. C. A. O'Donnell Clerk
Bro. Paul Davis Assistant Clerk

The next Session of this Association will convene with Malone Free Will Baptist Church, Alabama City, Ala. on Friday morning before the 4th Sunday in September, 1948.

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

The Liberty Association No. 2, of Free Will Baptists, met with the 1st. F. W. B Church of Alabama City in its 14th session on September 26-27, 1947.

After song service and prayer, the house was called to order by the clerk. The former Moderator, Rev. Herman A. O'Donnell, took charge, reading Psalms 15.

Prayer by Rev. R. P. Rich.

After prayer, the Moderator declared the house in order for business.

Motion carried to elect officers for this term by nomination and acclamation.

Elected were:

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Moderator; Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Assistant Moderator; Rev. Chester A. O'Donnell, Clerk; and Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Assistant Clerk.

The church letters were called for, and the following reported by letter and delegation:

1st. Church, Alabama City, Ala.; Pleasant Grove Church, Ashland, Ala., Rt. 1; Friendship Church, Pell City, Ala.; Guiding Light Church, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1; Malone Church, Alabama City, Ala.

Motion carried to adopt letters and seat delegates.

Invitation given for membership,— The 1st Church of Wattsville, Ala. and Barrett Chapel Church of Jamestown, Ala. presented themselves by letter and delegates. They were received.

Quarterly Meeting report called for, read, and adopted.

APPOINTING OF COMMITTEES

Devotional

Sam Kemberly
Will Jackson
O. F. Willingham

Business

Rev. J. T. Windsor
Rev. Herman A. O'Donnell
Rev. G. N. Benefield

Family Religion

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell
Bro. R. A. Youngblood
Bro. Ben Howard

Sabbath School

Bro. Howard Tucker
Robert Burnham
R. F. Jones

Temperance

Rev. T. C. Mitchel
Bro. W. G. Rogers
Bro. Johnny Johnson

Education

Rev. R. P. Rich
Bro. J. B. Ledlow
Bro. A. A. Edge

Deceased Members

Bro. Paul Davis
Bro. Floyd Portwood
Bro. Eugene Brown

Ministerial Standing

Bro. Ben Howard
Bro. R. F. Jones
Bro. H. D. O'Donnell

Auditing

Bro. Frank Jackson
Bro. Dozer Collie
Rev. Gordon Mccolum

Literature

Rev. A. J. Burgess
Bro. Fate Gossett
Bro. J. E. Self

Resolution

Rev. Clarence O'Donnell
Bro. J. T. Windsor
Bro. Johnnie Burnham

Ordaining Council

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City
Hernam O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.
R. P. Pitch, Pell City, Ala.

Home Mission Board

Chairman, Bro. Johnnie Burnham, Pell City, Ala. —
Bro. Ralph Youngblood
Bro. Ben Howard

Executive Board

Bro. Ben Howard 1 year
Bro. Robert Burnham 2 years
Bro. Lloyd Robertson 3 years

Organizing Council

Rev. G. N. Benefield, 904 Hoke St., Gadsden, Ala., Rev. R. P. Ritch, Pell City, Ala. Rev. LeRoy Smith, Ragland, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 66, Rev. A. A. Edge, Wattsville, Ala., Box 1, Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Devotional— We, your committee, recommend:

Rev. E. A. O'Donnell of Ada, Okla. to bring the 11 a.m. message Friday; Rev. Joe B. Ledlow to bring the message Friday night; Rev. Herman O'donnell to bring the message at 11 a.m. Saturday; Rev. T. C. Mitchel to conduct the devotional service Saturday night; and Rev. E. A. O'Donnell to bring the 8 o'clock message.

Bro. Sam Kemberly, Chairman

Business— We, your committee, recommend:

1. That Rev. Gordon Mccollum be called in, questioned, and if found worthy, ordained to preach the Gospel, also Rev. G. B. Terrel.

2. That the next setting of this Association be held with Malone Free Will Baptist Church of Alabama City, Ala.

3. That all pastors abstain from the practice of tongues, and any pastor that allows tongues to be taught or used in his church have his papers taken and be declared unorthodox; the same applying to any other doctrine not in accordance with God's word.

4. That each pastor read the Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant to each new member when they join the church.

5. That there be no church organized without seven (7) charter members.

6. That this Association pay Rev. Joe B. Ledlow's expenses to the National Association.

7. That a plan be drawn up to pay a balance of \$125.00 on Association piano.

8. That all Association rulings be printed in the minutes; also that the minutes be printed as soon as possible.

9. That this body urge all pastors to see that there is one of our treatise in each home in his church, and that he study one and urge his members to study same.

10. That the Home Mission Board secure a place for the tent to be erected and look after erection of same, and that the Chairman of said board live in the same town as the evangelist.

11. That all funds be sent to the Chairman of the Home Mission Board monthly instead of the evangelist.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Chairman

Family Religion— We urge our people to devote more time in the home to prayer and to prayerful study of the word of God; to be very careful in their walk and talk before their children and before all people; to bring their children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord with respect to God's children and for God's house.

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Chairman

Sabbath School— We urge all churches of this association to support a Sunday School and see that all their officers and teachers are regenerated followers of God; that the Word of God be taught in our homes; that we encourage the use of Free Will Baptist Literature in our school and home; that all parents cooperate with the officers of the Sunday School in keeping the children in order and encouraging them to stay for preaching.

Bro. Howard Tucker, Chairman

Temperance— We, your committee, urge that we give more earnest heed to the teaching of God's Word, and teach and practice it every day of our lives.

Rev. T. C. Mitchel, Chairman

Education— We, your committee, recommend that our people take advantage of every opportunity to educate themselves for we see the need of it today more than ever before, and that our children have the opportunity to be in Sunday School regularly.

Rev. R. P. Ritch, Chairman

Deceased Members— We are grieved to report the deaths of four (4) of our fellow workers since the last session of this body: Rev. T. J. Finch, Sister Martha Williams, Sister Van Kendrick, of Friendship Church, Pell City, Ala; Sister Joice Cooner of Pleasant Grove Church, Ashville, Ala. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved.

Bro. Paul Davis, Chairman

Ministerial Standing— We recommend that all ministers meeting the requirement of the Ministers' Conference be granted a certificate of standing for the coming year.

Bro. Ben Howard, Chairman

Auditing— We, your committee, find the church letters in order and all money correct. We could not give a complete report because some of the boards failed to report.

For entrance fee, \$35; for minutes, \$25.50; total, \$60.50. (There was more minute money given to the Clerk later).

Literature— Print last year's report.

"We urge parents to closely examine literature that comes into their homes and encourage their children to read wholesome literature based on the Word of God. Heb. 4:12, "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and Spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart".

Bro. Fate Gossett, Chairman

Resolution— Be it resolved that each church pay \$5

entrance fee. Each church pay 15% of all income to the field evangelist for the support of the field work.

(The clause to pay the field evangelist was annulled. They are to pay to the Home Mission Treasurer.)

Rev. Clearance O'Donnell, Chairman

Tent Committee— Paid out for tent, \$545.45; for express on tent, \$11.39; for chairs, .192.27; total expended, \$749.11; balance left on hand, \$93.00.

(The \$93.00 was put in the general treasury to pay on the Associational piano.)

Bro. Ben Howard, Chairman

Ordaining Council— We find Rev. G. B. Terrel unqualified because his wife has two (2) living husbands; Rev. Gordon McColum was given time to read the treatise.

(We do not have their full year's report.)

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Chairman

Organizing Council— They did not report.

FRIDAY 11 A. M.

Song service by Rev. R. P. Ritch.

Message by Rev. E. A. O'Donnell. Text, Rev. 2:1. Subject, "The importance of Angels to the church". He brought a message that stirred our hearts.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. T. C. Mitchel.

Dinner was served on the church yard and was enjoyed by all.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The house reassembled at 1:30 p.m. with the Moderator reading Psalm 23.

Prayer by Rev. Herman O'Donnell.

The reports were called for, and those ready were read and adopted.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle resigned as Assistant Clerk. His resignation was accepted.

Bro. Paul Davis was elected to fill the vacancy.

Prayer by Rev. H. T. Perkin.

Motion carried for the business part of this meeting to stand adjourned until 9 a.m. Saturday.

MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

The 12th session of the Ministers' Conference met with the 1st F. W. B. Church of Alabama City, Ala. on Friday night before the 4th Sunday in Sept., 1947.

Scripture lesson by, Rev. C. A. O'Donnell, Heb. 2:3.

Prayer by Rev. Alford Ledlow.

Motion carried to go into the election of officers.

Elected were: Alfred Ledlow, Moderator; D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk.

Invitation given for members; Rev. T. C. Mitchel was accepted and given the right hand of fellowship.

Motion carried to drop Hurbert Bishop from the role; also Gorden Smith and C. R. Allen. T. J. French's name was placed as a deceased minister.

Motion carried to adopt minister's reports and have them printed in the minutes.

An offering of \$20.94 was taken for H. T. Perkins.

Motion carried to stand adjourned until Sept., 1948, meeting then with Malone Church, Alabama City, Ala. on Friday night before the fourth Sunday in Sept., 1948.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Moderator
Bro. D. J. O'Donnell, Clerk

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Rev. G. W. Mccollum, No. 4 Morton St., Alabama City, Ala.— Trtveled 340 miles, expended \$15.00, received \$46.00, preached 39 sermons, conducted 1 revival, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. W. G. Rogers, 23 13th St., Alabama City, Ala.— Traveled 500 miles, expended \$14.00, received \$75.00, preached 115 sermons, pastored 1 church, performed 2 wedding ceremonies, conducted 3 funerals, conducted 1 revival, and assisted in 2 revivals.

Rev. A. G. Robershaw, Alabama City, Ala., At. 1.— Traveled 200 miles, expended \$5.00, received nothing, preached 20 sermons, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. A. J. Burgess, 4216 Maderson Ave., Alabama City, Ala.— Traveled 85 miles, expended \$39.60, received \$21. and assisted in 1 revival.

35, preached 38 sermons, baptized 4, conducted 2 revivals,

Rev. A. A. Edge, Wattsville, Ala., Rt. 1.— Traveled 200 miles, expended \$10.00, received \$10.00, preached 14 sermons, and conducted 1 funeral.

Rev. W. B. Hallis, Pell City, Ala.— Preached 15 sermons.

Rev. R. P. Ritch, 59 Cherry St., Pell City, Ala.— Traveled 10,647 miles, expended \$1,863.30, received \$2,225.66, preached 248 sermons, baptized 10, conducted 6 funerals, conducted 10 revivals, assisted in 1 revival, and conducted 52 radio broadcasts.

Rev. H. T. Perkins, Pell City, Ala.— Preached 3 sermons. (His health is bad.)

Rev. Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.— Traveled 748 miles, expended \$9.07, received \$15.60, preached 17 sermons, performed 1 wedding ceremony, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.— Traveled 2,735 miles, expended \$110.45, received \$425.15, preached 97 sermons, pastored 1 church, baptized 2, and assisted in 2 revivals.

Rev. J. D. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1.— Traveled 1,129 miles, expended \$102.02, received \$134.91, preached 41 sermons, conducted 3 revivals, and assisted in 2 revivals.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 91.— Traveled 3,000 miles, expended \$289.50, received \$275.65, preached 83 sermons, pastored 1 church, baptized 16, conducted 1 funeral, conducted 1 revival, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. LeRoy Smith, Ragland, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 66.— Traveled 1,780 miles, expended \$65.00, received \$105.00, preached 54 sermons, assistant pastor 1 church, conducted 1 funeral, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 56.— Traveled 4,317 miles, expended \$98.32, received \$789.59,

preached 90 sermons, pastored 2 churches, baptized 4, conducted 3 funerals, conducted 3 revivals, and assisted in 2 revivals.

Rev. G. L. Ramsey, Pell City, Ala., Rt. 1— Traveled 50 miles, expended \$0.55, received \$15.00, preached 40 sermons, performed 1 wedding ceremony, conducted 1 funeral, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala.— Traveled 2,290 miles, expended \$41.30, received \$534.37, preached 108 sermons, pastored 2 churches, baptized 13, performed 5 wedding ceremonies, conducted 2 funerals, conducted 2 revivals, and assisted in 3 revivals.

Rev. R. S. Pennington, Eden, Ala., Rt. 1.— Traveled 380 miles, expended \$8.00, received \$28.00, preached 18 sermons, performed 3 wedding ceremonies, conducted 3 funerals, and assisted in 1 revival.

Rev. Joe B. Ledlow, Wattsville, Ala., P. O. Box 86.— Traveled 2,704 miles, expended \$221.62, received \$321.70, preached 131 sermons, pastored 2 churches, baptized 17, performed 2 wedding ceremonies, conducted 3 funerals, conducted 5 revivals, and assisted in 3 revivals.

Rev. Clarence O'Donnell, Pell City, Ala.— Traveled 140 miles, preached 8 sermons.

Rev. G. N. Benefield, 904 Hoke St., E. Gadsden, Ala.— Traveled 2,015 miles, expended \$179.50, received \$518.45, preached 53 sermons, performed 1 wedding ceremony, conducted 3 revivals.

Rev. Alfred Ledlow, Eden, Ala.— Preached 47 sermons and assisted in 2 revivals.

After minister's conference, Rev. Joe B. Ledlow brought the message.

SATURDAY MORNING

The house was called to order at 9 a.m. with the Moderator reading Psalm 133.

All gathered in the altar for prayer.

After the prayer, some of the committee members were replaced. They were as follows:

Temperance — W. W. Calahan replaced W. G. Rogers who was sick.

Auditing — Eugene Brown replaced Dozer Collie.

Devotional — Howard Tucker replaced O. F. Willingham.

Literature — Sam Kemberly replaced A. J. Burgess.

SATURDAY 11 A. M.

Rev. C. L. Carlisle conducted the song service.

Prayer by R. F. Jones.

Rev. Herman O'Donnell then took the stand, reading from Isa. 29:7-14; I Cor. 2:1-16; Rev. 5:1-5. Subject, "The Sealed Book". Dismissed for the noon hour.

Dismissed for the noon hour.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The house reassembled at 1:30 p.m. with the Moderator reading Psalm 1.

Prayer by Joe B. Ledlow.

The remaining committee reports were read and adopted. An offering was taken to finish paying for the associational piano. Amount received, \$32.55.

The Clerk gave R. P. Ritch \$125 to pay off the piano note.

The Clerk also gave \$15 to J. B. Ledlow, the balance on his trip to the National Association.

Motion carried to go into the election of a field evangelist for the coming year.

Rev. R. P. Ritch was elected with Rev. J. B. Ledlow as his assistant.

Motion carried that we do away with the old Home Mission Board and a new one be appointed.

Bro. Robert Burnham was elected delegate to the State Association.

Motion carried that each church pay his share of the expenses of the delegate to the State Association.

Motion carried that this body recommend a man to the State Association as a Trustee to the Children's Home.

Rev. J. B. Ledlow was recommended.

It was moved that the business part of this session stand adjourned until 9 a.m. Friday morning before the 4th Sunday in September, 1948.

Dinner was served at the church Friday and Saturday and was enjoyed by all.

SATURDAY NIGHT

Rev. T. C. Mitchel conducted the praise service. Many good testimonies were given.

After praise service, Rev. E. A. O'Donnell brought the message.

After the message, we had Communion and Feet Washing; with 41 taking part in the Lord's Supper.

An offering of \$17.93 was taken for the Children's Home.

CHURCH REPORTS

Malone—Alabama City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. W. C. Patterson; Clerk, Willadean Gipson, E. Dozer Ave., Ala. City, Ala.; delegates, Rev. W. G. Rogers, Rev. Gordon Mccollum, Bro. R. F. Jones. State of religion, good; members received the past year by letter, 2; total loss, 3; present membership, 65; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; No. pupils, 65; No. officers, 2; No. teachers, 4; paid pastor, \$513.65; evangelist, \$131.05; building and repair, \$201.03; publication, \$33.07; Orphanage, \$25; total expended, \$903.70.

Inclosed for: Minutes, \$10.00; entrance fee, \$5.00; total enclosed, \$15.00.

We have called Rev. W. C. Patterson, Pell City, Ala. for our pastor the coming year. We ask that Bro. Gordon Mccollum be called in question and if found worthy, ordained to preach. We ask that Bro. G. B. Terrell be called in question and if found worthy, granted papers to preach. We ask for the next sitting of the Association.

Pleasant Grove—Ashville, Ala. Pastor, Joe B. Ledlow; Clerk, Chester O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala.; delegates, Bro. Dozer, Milton Collie, and H. D. O'Donnell; state of religion, good; members received past year, 4; total loss, 5;

40 present membership, 40; prayer meeting, good; Sabbath School, good; No. of pupils, 35; No. of officers & teachers, 6; paid out for: pastor, \$216.11; evangelist, \$50.00; publication, \$16.00; Orphanage, \$80.00; Inclosed for: minutes, \$4.00; entrance fee, \$5.00; total enclosed, \$9.00. We have called Rev. J. B. Ledlow, Wattsville, Ala., for our pastor for the coming year.

60 1st Church—Alabama City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. Herman O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., Rt. 1. Clerk Loyd Robertson, 306 Lincoln St. Alabama City, Ala. Delegates: Bro. G. I. Riley, Loyd Robertson, Earl Portwood; state of religion, good; members received this year, 12; total loss, 8; present membership, 60; prayer meeting, fair; expenses for: pastor, \$265.70; evangelist, \$88.00; heat & light, \$195.36; Unified Program, \$50.39; total, \$683.55; Sunday School, good; No. of pupils, 70; officers & teachers, 7; Inclosed for: minutes, \$5.00; entrance fee, \$5.00; total, \$10.00. We have called Rev. H. A. O'Donnell, Ashville, Ala., for our pastor for the coming year.

106 Friendship—Pell City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. J. T. Windsor, Pell City, Ala. Clerk, Paul Davis, Pell City, Ala. Delegates: Robert Burnham, Eugene Brown, and Paul Davis. State of religion, good; members received this year, 12; total lost, 12; present membership, 106; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; No. of pupils, 100; expended for, pastor, \$425.29; evangelist, \$276.95; building & repair, \$1,400; Orphanage, \$87. Enclosed for: entrance fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$25.00; total, \$30.00. We have called Rev. J. T. Windsor for our pastor for the coming year.

82 Guiding Light—Pell City, Ala. Pastor, Rev. C. L. Carlisle; Clerk, W. W. Callahan. Delegates: Bro. Howard Tucker, Frank Jackson, Will Jackson. State of religion, good; members received this year, 40; present membership, 82; prayer meeting, good; Sunday School, good; No. of pupils, 40; officers & teachers, 5; paid evangelist, \$60. Enclosed for: minutes, \$8.00; entrance fee, \$5.00; total \$13.00. We have called Rev. C. L. Carlisle for our pastor for the coming year.

1st Church of Wattsville—Wattsville, Ala. Pastor Rev. T. C. Mitchel; Clerk, Miss Annie Jo Tims, Box 67, Wattsville, Ala. Delegates: Bro. Ralph Youngblood, Otis Willingham, J. B. Tims. State of religion, good; total mem-

bership, 22; prayer meeting, good; paid out for pastor, \$13; evangelist, \$7.75; Sunday School, good; No. of pupils, 35; officers & teachers, 5. Inclosed for: entrance fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$5.00; total, \$10.00. We have called Rev. T. C. Mitchel for our pastor for the coming year. We request admittance into the Association.

Barrett's Chapel— Jamestown, Ala., Rt. 4. Pastor, _____; Clerk, Annie Lou Crane. Delegate, Buster Hurley; members received this year, 5; total lost, 4; total membership, 12. Expended for: pastor, \$42; Sunday School, good; No. of pupils, 25; officers & teachers, 5. Enclosed for: entrance fee, \$5.00; minutes, \$2.00; total \$7.00. We ask for admittance as a member in the

Liberty Association.

1st District Quarterly Meeting— Delegates: Bro. Sam Kemberly, Johnnie Johnson, Homer Cannon. This Quarterly Meeting is composed of eight (8) churches: Friendship, Guiding Light, Mount Zion, 1st Church of Watts-ville, Pleasant Grove, 1st Church of Alabama City, Ala, Malone, and Barretts Chapel. It has a membership of about 400. There is a Sunday School in each church. Bro. D. J. O'Donnell is the clerk.

ASSOCIATIONAL RULINGS

1. Each minister, ordained or licensed, must make written report to this Association to receive credentials for the following term.

2. Each minister, ordained or licensed, of churches belonging to this Association is expected to affiliate with the minister's conference and cannot be recognized as a minister nor pastor churches of this Association except they comply with this ruling.

3. Each ordained minister must bear yearly certificates of standing to be eligible to pastor churches of this association. License of all licensed ministers must be renewed.

4. Ministers coming to us from another denomination, must hold membership in some church of this association for one (1) year before being eligible to pastor churches of this association.

5. Licensed ministers must bear license for one (1) year be-

fore being eligible for ordination.

6. Churches must use letter form sent them each year by the Clerk to be recognized by this Association.

7. That this body elect officers in the beginning of each session and not in the closing for one (1) year ahead as heretofore practiced.

8. That this body adopt a unified program.

9. This body rules that any minister of this Association has a right to use the tent when not being used by regularly elected evangelist, by inviting the evangelist to assist in the revival.

10. That each church pay an entrance fee of \$5.00 same to be used for the expense of the association.

11. That the ministers' conference convene on Friday night instead of Friday evening as heretofore practiced.

12. That the Clerk be paid \$10.00 each term for his service.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 Timothy 3:16.

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 the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore, and obey.

1. Cor. 8:6; Matt. 28:19.

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 Savior and Lord.

St. John 1:1-12.

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT. — The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 4:46.

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 of grace not otherwise provided for as the

highest welfare of man requires.

Psalms 22:28; 97:2.

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

Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. — The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the grounds of salvation by faith.

1. John 2:2.

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. — The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior 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.

2. Cor. 7:10; Pro. 28:13.

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

1. Tim. 2:4

10. FREEDOM OF WILL. — The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit and live, or to resist them and perish.

Joshua 24:15.

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.

Rev. 22:17.

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

St. John 15:6; 2 Peter 2:20-22.

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*, is an ordinance

teaching humility and is of universal obligation to be administered to all true believers.

Mark 16:15. 2. Cor. 4:5; St. John 13:14.

14. 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.

Gen. 2:3; Exod. 20:8-11.

15. RESSURECTION, 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 shall "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

John 5:29; Matt. 25:46.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

(For Church Conference)

1. Call to order.
2. Call for peace and fellowship.
3. Opportunity for membership.
4. Invite visiting brothers and sisters to seat.
5. Reading of previous minutes.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Appointing of committees.
8. Acknowledgements.
9. Committee reports.
10. New business.
11. Adjournment.

FREE WILL BAPTIST 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 the 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 to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit," in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.

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 Savior Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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.

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 souls, and the conversion of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
