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The Seventieth Session of the Little Brown Creek Association convened with Mt. Pisgah Church on September 1960 beginning at 10:30 a. m. and transacted the following church matters.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Moderator asked if all the churches were represented for Association. Delegates were present from all churches.

The Association was opened by the choir singing, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes", directed by Bro. J. J. Whittemore, pianist Sister Letha Nash.

The Association all had christian handshake; Devotional by Bro. Sidney Whitehead, "Charity or Love"; Cor. 13th chapter.

Choir sang, "Who Is That", directed by Bro. Austin Huddleston, pianist Sister Letha Nash.

Introductory Sermon 11 o'clock by Bro. J. L. Gore; read Scripture Mat. 22:11-14; prayer Bro. Gore read Hebrews 12:2. Wonderful message.

Song "Are You Washed In The Blood" directed by Bro. Austin Huddleston, pianist Sister Letha Nash. Dismissed for the lunch hour by Bro. J. W. Prince.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled by the choir singing, "When All God's Singers Get Home", directed by Bro. Erie Nash, Letha Nash Pianist; prayer Bro. Junior Jones.

Moderator declared the Association ready for business.

Called letters from all other churches.

Moderator first appointed reading clerks Sister Elenor Moss and Sister E. El. Champion.

Delegates from other churches: 1. SMITH CHAPEL—Bro. Arthor Moon-ey, Bro. Milton Cole, Bro. Arch Stevens, Sister Kate McCoy, Sister Lena Bell Sherfield.

2. BURGESS CREEK—Sister Hazel Gentle, Sister Rozie Lambert, Sister Emma Nichols.

3. MT. PISGAH—Sister Alta Walker, Sister Grace Ashby, Bro. Gerdest Walker, Bro. Willie Livingston,

4. ANTIOCH—Sister Maxine Lambert, Bro. J. C. Lambert, Sister Allie Blakney, Bro. Oscar Blakney.

5. LITTLE BROWN—Sister Delta Smith, Sister Lodena Boggs, Sister Mary White.

6. NEW LEBANON—Bro. N. E. Lambert, Sister Mamie Moss, Sister Eunice Searcy, Sister J. W. Prince.

7. JONES CHAPEL—Bro. Guy Jones, Bro. Pat Stricklen, Sister Elsie Jone, Bro. Cephus Jones.

8. MACEDONIA—Bro. Ernie Nash, Sister Letha Nash, Sister Cordia Whittemore.

9. MARTIN HILL—Sister Hattie Peek, Sister Nellie Walden, Sister Bobbie Jones, Sister Faye Lester, Sister Artie Martin.

Next the moderator appointed the following committees—Devotion Chairman, Bro. Clinton Sharp, Bro. Ervin Searcy, Bro. Cephus Jones; Resolution, Bro. R. C. McCoy, Bro. Austin Huddleston, Bro. E. E. Stricklen.

Read rules and regulation Association by Bro. J. L. Gore also quoren revised by committee and brought before Association to be read and studied by Association before past on.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY—Sister Artie Martin, Sister Eunice Searcy, Sister Grace Ashly.

ARRANGEMENT of BUSINESS—Bro. J. W. Prince, Bro. Junior Jones, Bro. Gerdest Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Bro. J. S. Whitehead. Sister Lodena Boggs, Sister Hattie Peek.

FINANCE—Bro. A. H. Lambert, Bro. J. J. Whittemore, Bro. Arch Stevens.

Bro. Luther Gibson and Bro. Duncan set in with us in our business session.

Discussion of old business: Bro. Duncan made a talk on religious literature Baptist Book Store in Tupelo. Prayer by Bro. J. L. Gore for short recess.

After recess a song, "Amazing Grace", directed by Bro. Austin Huddleston, pianist Sister Rosie Livingston.

At 2:30 p.m. a wonderful message by Bro. Luther Gibson. Reading Romans chapter 1 verses 13-16; text, "I'm Not Ashamed." Prayer by Bro. J. L. Gore; Adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. Friday morning.

The stand Thursday night filled by Bro. R. C. McCoy; Amos 4-12 and Bro. J. W. Prince "Faith".

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

10 a.m. started opening song, "Where We Never Grow Old" directed by Austin Huddleston, pianist, Eunell Lambert. Prayer by Bro. Sidney Whitehead. Called roll, delegates were present from all churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—We your committee on Sunday School rejoice to report we have Sunday School in all nine churches of our Association. We thank the Lord for an excellent report and pray it will grow and continue in faithful teaching of Gods word. Committee, Sister Hattie Peek, Sister Lodena Boggs, Bro. J. L. Whitehead.

Resolution before the Association—Be it resolved that we do away with the arrangement on business as it was originated to take care of visiting Brethern when they had no means of transportation. Committee, Bro. J. W. Prince, Bro. Junior Jones, Bro. Gerdest Walker.

FINANCE—We the committee on finance, beg leave to report that we have on hand \$60.00 for minute fund and clerk salary; \$20.00 in the treasury. Committee, Bro. A. G. Lambert, Bro. Arch Stevens, Bro. J. J. Whittemore.

Dismissed the business Association until after lunch.

Song, "Old Time Power", directed by Bro. J. L. Gore, pianist Eunell Lambert. Devotion service by Bro. Grady Johnson, Romans 11, "Live a Christian Life".

Choir singing song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm". directed by Bro. J. L. Gore, pianist Eunell Lambert. Choir singing, "I Love My Saviour Too", directed by Bro. J. L. Gore, . Prayer by Brother Junior Jones.

11 o'clock message by Bro. Junior Jones, Isaiah 55, 1-10. Text, Luke 19:10, "Seek And To Save That Which Was Lost,," Wonderful message. Choir singing "Just As I Am".

Dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer my Bro. J. L. Gore.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening song, "When Light Has Gone Out In Your Soul," pianist Eunell Lambert, prayer by Bro. J. J. Whittemore.

OBITUARY—We your committee on obituary beg leave to report as fol-

lows. We find that death has taken five of our beloved members. From Martin Hill, Sister Symontha Livingston, Sister Jessie Penna; Mt. Pisgah, Bro. Arie Harber; New Lebanon, Sister Joan Holloway, Bro. Andrew Strickland, We count our loss, Heavens gain. Committee, Sister Eunice Searcy, Sister Grace Ashby, Sister Artie Martin.

DEVOTION—We your committee on devotion are glad to report to the best of our ability. The stand filled Thursday morning by Bro. J. L. Gore, Booneville, Miss.; Thursday afternoon by Bro. Luther Gibson, Tupelo, Miss. Thursday night, Bro. R. C. McCoy, Corinth, Miss., Bro. J. W. Prince, Paden, Miss. Committee, Bro. Clinton Sharp, Bro. Cephas Jones, Bro. Ervin Searcy.

HOME MISSION BOARD—By Bro. Whitehead—Amount Collected \$522.99; Amount Paid Out—Radio Station \$247.50, Paper \$14.75, Stamps and Mailing \$44.22. Tents \$150.00, Gas for trip to Memphis \$5.00; Total Expenses \$460.97. Balance in Treasury, \$62.02. J. S. Whitehead Chairman, J. L. Gore Evangelist.

RESOLUTION—Be it resolved that our Association be moved from Thursday and Friday to Friday, Friday night and Saturday.

The resolution passed by Association to meet Friday, Friday night and Saturday before the 1st Lords Day, September 1961.

RESOLUTION—Be it resolved that we bring up for vote article one at a time Government and Constitution by-law that the committee of last year have put before us, read all articles, vote on by Association. Resolve that continue 5th Sunday meeting.

We your committee on Resolution have drafted all business that has come before us and asked to be discharged. Committee, Bro. R. C. McCoy, Bro. G. E. Strickland, Bro. Austin Huddleston.

Moderator ask for moderator 5th Sunday meeting Association entered into election for officers for another year.

Moderator 5th Sunday meeting, Bro. Junior Jones; Assistant Moderator, Bro. Milton Rhodes.

Meeting as follows: October 30, 1960 New Lebanon; January 30, 1961 Martin Hill; May 29, 1961, Jones Chapel; August 29, 1961, Burgess Creek.

Home Mission Board appointed Bro. J. S. Whitehead two years; Bro. Junior Jones, one year Ministers.

Laymen—Bro. Cephas Jones, three years; Bro. Clinton Sharp, two years; Bro. Austin Huddleston, one year.

Evangelist, Bro. J. L. Gore.

Executive Committee, Bro. Roy Boggs; Moderator Bro. R. C. McCoy for Association; Assistant Moderator Bro. J. W. Prince. Retained Mrs. Aleene Sharp as Clerk.

Make move to meet Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday in September, 1961 with Macedonia.

Dismissed with choir singing "God Be With Us Til' We Meet Again"; took parting hand; prayer by Bro. Milton Roads.

If it is the Lord's Will, we will meet with Macedonia Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1961.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CHURCHES

SMITH CHAPEL—Amount given pastor, \$413.37; amount given assistant pastor or visiting pastor, none; amount given evangelist, none; amount given charity, \$30.00; amount in treasury, \$120.36. Value of church property, \$3,000.

JONES CHAPEL—Amount given pastor, \$250.14; visiting minister, \$44.00; church expenses, \$60.84; Home Mission, \$60.00; in treasury, \$44.27. Value of

church property \$4,800.00; flowers \$23.50.

MARTIN HILL—Amount given pastor, \$2,145.00; amount given evangelist, \$130.00; flowers, \$96.00; Home Missions, \$72.11; Foreign Missions, \$49.51; Repairs and improvements, \$458.23; Church expenses and supplies, \$313.07; Bible School, \$76.50. In treasury, \$124.83. Value of church property, \$6,000.00.

ANTIOCH—Amount given pastor, \$815.12; amount given evangelist, \$147.16; amount given Home Mission \$43.34; church expenses, \$403.83; amount in treasury, \$497.05. Value of church property, \$5,000.00.

LITTLE BROWN—Amount given pastor, \$236.98; amount given evangelist, \$100.00; amount in treasury, \$26.00; Church expenses, \$38.97. Value of church property, \$5,000.00.

NEW LEBANON—Amount given pastor, \$1,017.50; amount given evangelist, \$175.00; amount given assistant pastor, \$10.00; flowers, \$37.50; amount given children home, \$96.00; other expenses, \$370.63; church treasury, \$416.26; Sunday School Treasury, \$131.12. Value of church property, \$6,000.00.

MACEDONIA—Amount given pastor, \$219.40; amount given assistant pastor or visiting minister, \$43.00; amount given evangelist, none; amount given charity, none; amount in church treasury, \$28.42; amount in Sunday School treasury, \$64.00. Value of church property, \$4,000.00.

BURGESS CREEK—Amount given pastor, \$98.54; amount given assistant pastor \$40.00; amount given visiting minister, \$8.00; amount given evangelist, \$85.75; church expense \$52.00; Home Mission, \$9.00. Value of church property, \$3,500.

Mt. PISGAH—Amount given pastor, \$5.40.50; visiting pastor, \$10.00; charity, \$27.00; flowers, \$28.00; church expense, \$249.89; in treasury, \$400.00. Value of church property, \$3,000.00.

ADDRESS OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch—Mrs. Reba Wood, Route 4, Iuka, Miss.
Macedonia—Miss Mary Nash, Rt. 6, Corinth, Miss.
Martin Hill—Mrs. William Walden, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.
New Lebanon—Mrs. Eula Brown, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.
Jones Chapel—Mrs. Alma Jackson, Rt. 6, Booneville, Miss.
Smith Chapel—Mrs. Annie Stevens, Rt. 1, Booneville, Miss.
Little Brown—Miss Mary Lynn Smith, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.
Mt. Pisgah—Mrs. E. E. Champion, Marletta, Miss.
Burgess Creek—Mrs. Marie Wright, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.

ADDRESS OF MINISTERS

Rev. R. C. McCoy, Rt. 6, Corinth, Miss.—Active
Rev. I. W. Prince, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.—Active
Rev. Sidney Whitehead, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.—Active
Rev. J. L. Gore, Broad Street, Booneville, Miss.—Active
Rev. Junior Jones, Box 74, Burnsville, Miss.—Active
Rev. Grady Johnson, Rt. 4, Iuka, Miss.—Active
Rev. D. W. Jones, Rt. 1, Corinth, Miss.—Inactive
Rev. L. M. Wiggington, Rt. 1, Paden, Miss.—Inactive
Rev. C. P. Gray, Glen, Miss.—Inactive
Rev. Pitt Reynolds, Rt. 1, Burnsville, Miss.—Inactive
Rev. Gordon Carpenter, Rt. 5, Booneville, Miss.

LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

Be it known that we, the Free Will Baptist Church, being in Alcorn, Tishomingo and Prentiss Counties, in Mississippi, do believe in the doctrines of the General Atonement, we have been baptized upon profession of faith in Christ, we are desirous of bringing about reciprocal union. We propose therefore to maintain the order and rule of our Association according to the following plan.

We believe the churches of Christ are mutually independent, that congregational form of government should be inviolably preserved, yet we are being convinced of the unity of friendly intercourse and pious council on the principal of union advantages and christian love, we hold it a duty of the churches to pay respect to these principals with regards to the duty of the Association.

ARTICLE I The name of the organization shall be called the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II Membership—Section I—Newly organized Free Will Baptist churches petition the Association for membership shall be granted by a majority vote of the Association.

SECTION II The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, who on producing letters from their respective churches certifying their appointment shall be entitled to seats.

ARTICLE III Representatives—Section I—Not more than 4 delegates. Section II—All ordained members of the Association shall be standing delegates. Each delegate shall be entitled to cast one vote on all business transactions.

ARTICLE IV Officers—The officers of this organization shall be a moderator, Assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer. Their duties shall be those usually devolving upon such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE V Boards and Committees. Section I—The general officers and one elected member from the body will compose an executive board to see to such items that may arise during the year. The moderator shall be the chairman of the board.

Section II The Home Mission Board shall consist of two (2) ministers and three (3) lay members elected from the body. The ministers shall be elected for terms of one (1) and two (2) years. The lay members shall be elected for one (1), two (2) and three (3) years. One minister and one lay members shall be elected each year when the association is in regular session. It shall be the duty of this board to help in the organization of new churches and to promote the work of Free Will Baptists in general. An evangelist shall be elected from the body to serve with this board.

Section III The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each association: Committee on Devotion, Committee on Finance, Committee on Obituaries, Committee on Resolutions, Committee on Sunday Schools. These committees shall serve until dismissed by the association.

Section IV Each board and committee shall make a report to the association before the close of the association.

Section V Temporary committees may be appointed by the moderator ever the body sees the need of such committees.

ARTICLE VI Meetings.—The time and place of meeting of this organization shall be determined at each preceeding regular meeting. On the occasion of no meeting place being provided at the regular preceeding meeting, the matter will fall into the hands of the executive board.

ARTICLE VIII Finances.—Each church holding membership in this organization shall be asked to send as much as ten dollars (\$10.00) to each meeting. Expenditures of money to be by the direction of this body.

ARTICLE VIII Reports of churches.—Each church holding membership in this organization shall send a written report to each regular meeting. This report to include such information as it indicated by form of letter provided.

ARTICLE IX Quorum.—Representatives from five (5) churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and no business shall be transacted without quorum.

ARTICLE X Amendments.—This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the delegates present voting in behalf of the amendent.

ARTICLE XI The Minister.—Section 1—For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying ail ordained members for un-Christian conduct, there shall be a council, which shall convene at a stated time during the association, and at any time during the associational year, if called by the Moderator or his assistant or any five (5) members of said council who deem it necessary to make such a call. This council shall consist of all ordained membership resent who are in good standing. They shall elect a moderator and clerk from among themselves who shall hold office until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of this council to examine all applications for ordination and if found competent to ordain and set them apart for the work of the ministry by the laying on of hands. This council will examine ministers that wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those that are sound in faith and practice according to the Articles of Faith of Free Will Baptists. This council shall have full power to try all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, and on testimony their decision shall be final.

Section II This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresay, or any church that follows him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the Faith as held by this association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section III This association having watch-care over all the churches within its bounds, shall withdraw fellowship from any church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Ordaining Council for un-Christian conduct of false teaching according to Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section IV It shall be the duty of each member who shall orgainze a church to ordain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to ordain deacons whère a vacancy occurs within his church or churches. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor, as well as other organizations that may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

GOVERNMENT AND RULES OF THIS ASSOCIATION

This association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses by the members shall be made to the moderator, and the person thus speaking shall confine himself to the subject in debate. No speaker should cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person should speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the association.

The speaker should not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the moderator unless he violates the rules of order.

No delegate should absent himself without permission from the moderator.

No member should speak longer than fifteen (15) minutes at any time without permission from the moderator.

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the association except when withdrawn by consent.

This association shall furnish each church with minutes of their proceedings, in proportion to the membership of the church.

All questions coming before this association shall be determined by majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-third (2/3) majority.

The minutes of this association shall be read before the body just before the close of the association, corrected if need be, and signed by the moderator and clerk.

The body shall have no conceived power to word it over God heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall be considered on advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concern of the churches.

The association is to give the best advise it can on all matters of difficulty. If the union should be broken between any of the churches, the association shall inquire into the cause of the break and use its endeavors to remove the difficulty. If the break cannot be removed to withdraw from the church which they look upon as unsound in principals, and disorderly conduct of practice, until they be reclaimed.

To take up no case of any kind in the union without the consent of the majority of the churches, and then only to give advise.

FORM OF CHURCH LETTER

Members Transfer Letter—We, the Freewill Baptist Church of Christ, at _____... hereby certify that Brother (or Sister) _____ is a member with us in full fellowship and good standing and is hereby dismissed from us.

Petitionary Letter—We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at _____ send this petitionary Letter, to the ministers and messengers, composing of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance into your honorable body. We were organized with _____ members. We send this Petitionary Letter by the hands of our beloved bretheren, to-with: _____. If received to sit with you on your deliberations and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of your church are as follows: Received by experienced _____; by resolution _____; discontinued by letter; expelled _____; died _____. Total membership _____. Contribution \$ _____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church the ensueing year. Number of Deacons _____; Number of Ministers _____; Clerk's Address _____; Moderator's Address _____.

PROGRAM FOR HOLDING CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Call the church to order.
2. Reading of minutes of proceeding meeting.
3. Is the church at peace?
4. Inviting visiting brethern.
5. Any unfinished business?
6. Any new business?
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Motion to adjourn.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE**—The scripture of the Old and New Testament were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rule of faith and practice.

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

3. **CHRIST**—Christ is God manifested in flesh; His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and glorified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

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

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD**—God exercises a wise and benevelent providance over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and law of nature. He also performs special acts of grace not otherwise provided for, as thehighest weelfare of man requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN**—Man was created innocent, but by disonbedience 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 be His incarnation life sufferings, death and resurrection affected 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. Repentence or sincere sorrow of sin and hearty renucation 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 free from soul dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuence in faith and obedience until death.

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 is 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 Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water freely.

12. PRESERVANCE—All believers in Christ, who, through grace preserve 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, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be administered to all believers.

14. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employment and amusement, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communications with God.

15. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION—The scripture teaches 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 been brought, as we humbly trust by Divine Grace to embrace the Lord Jesus as our Saviour and having obtained justification by faith in His Name, as members of the Free Will Baptist Church at _____ agree:

1. To watch over each other in love, and to pray for each other as members of a common faith ever striving to keep the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace.

2. We will not speak evil of another nor will we persecute or expose the faults of the weak members of our church, but we will endeavor to be governed by Paul's instruction to Timothy: "That we will reprove, rebuke and exhort each other as members of a common brotherhood."

3. We are commanded to do good unto all men, especially to those who are of the household of faith. But we should remember that our relations to each other are closer and the obligations more binding that we become as a family and assume in a Christian sense the care and responsibility that members of a family should feel for each other.

4. We will attend that stated meeting of our church unless we are providentially hindered or uncontrollable circumstances prevent us. And we will contribute of our means as the Lord has proposed us for the support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of our church. And we will prefer the services of our church to that of any other, and will pray for our pastor while he is preaching the Word to us.

5. We will not injure our influence in the house of our Lord by accepting seats among the ungodly and sinners, but will occupy seats near the pulpit and use the natural powers which the Lord has given us to praise

His Holy Name. We will sing with those who sing and pray with those who pray.

6. We will not be guilty of the sin of Sabbath breaking by making Sunday visits to our neighbors which is double sin against the law of God, for in doing so, we fail to attend the house of the Lord and hinder others who might wish to do so. Let us remember the laws of Moses which condemns Sabbath breaking and the words of the inspired Apostle which says, "Forsake not the assembling of yourself together as the manner of some is."

7. We will not neglect secret and public prayer, and those of who are heads of families will strive to dedicate our household to the service of God by teaching our children the great necessity of the Christian religion as the only hope of happiness after death. We will adopt the Covenant of Joshua the servant of the Lord, and say: "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

STATISTICAL TABLE — LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

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