

MINUTES

OF THE

*Little Brown Creek
Association*

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE NEW LEBANON

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

FIRST LORD'S DAY IN SEPTEMBER, 1978

THERE WILL BE AN ALL DAY FELLOWSHIP MEETING WITH

NEW LEBANON IN FEBRUARY-1979

NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, IUKA

ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE

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OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

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First Church, Iuka	Betty Jean Barnes, Rt. 2; Iuka, MS	38852
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Little Brown	Betty Akers, Rt. 5; Booneville, MS	38829
Macedonia	Ruby Whittemore, Rt. 1; Rienzi, MS	38865
Martin Hill	Mrs. Helen Shackelford, Rt. 5; Booneville, MS	38829
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MINUTES OF THE EIGHTY EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The eighty-eighth session of the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist met at New Lebanon Church, September 1-2, 1978. Rev. Glen Jones served as music director. Mrs. Sonya Jones was pianist. Rev. Luther Gibson, moderator, presided.

After congregational singing of "Victory in Jesus", during the Friday evening service, Rev. Sid Whitehead led the opening prayer.

The association was called into official session by the moderator. Rev. Billy R. Smith was elected as assistant moderator for the session.

Rev. Luther Gibson gave the moderator's message, using I Thessalonians 5:5-10.

After the appointment of the Committee on Committees was announced, the New Lebanon youth choir, directed by Rev. Terry Booker, sang "Heaven Came Down" and "The Family of God".

Rev. Terry Booker, pastor of New Lebanon Free Will Baptist Church, was introduced to bring the evening message. His subject was "The Good Report". He read Numbers 13:30, 14:6-9 and built his sermon around four points: 1. Having a Vision; 2. The Boldness to Stand; 3. The Courage to Fight; and 4. The Faith to Proceed. He closed the message with prayer.

Following the report of the Committee on Committees, announcements and congregational singing of "At Calvary", the service was closed by Brother Jergen.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The Saturday morning service was opened with music director, Rev. Glen Jones leading the congregation in three hymns.

After prayer and a welcome by the moderator, Rev. Hollis Southerland gave the morning devotion. He read I Corinthians 16:13-14.

The clerk read the compiled report of church letters. A motion carried to accept the letters.

Rev. Bill Robinson of the Home Missions Board gave a diagrammed report of the "Green Backs for Greenwood" project. An offering was received and donated to the Lord's work in Greenwood.

Rev. Danny Dwyer of Amory presented information about the Northeast Miss. Bible Institute with an invitation to the Little Brown Creek Association to join them in presenting four courses that Christians might serve more effectively in the Lord's work.

Rev. Paul Long, pastor from Jones Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, brought a devotional message from James 1:5; 3:13-17 on the theme "Wisdom".

Rev. Mircheal Jones was introduced from Beech Springs. Following the singing of "Amazing Grace", Rev. Mircheal Jones led closing prayer before the morning recess.

The congregation stood and sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms".

Sam and Diana Postlewaite were introduced to render special music. They sang "I Found It All in Jesus".

Rev. Malcolm Garrett of Community Free Will Baptist Church in Corinth was introduced to bring the morning message. He read Isaiah 6:1-8 and built his sermon around Isaiah 6:8 and his willingness to say, "Here am I; send me."

After announcements, the dismissal prayer for lunch was by Rev. Danny Short.

SATURDAY EVENING SESSION:

Rev. Glen Jones led the congregation in singing "There is Power in the Blood".

Rev. D. W. Jones read Psalms 118:19-24 and brought devotional thoughts.

All committees returned with reports. Each of these were read, discussed and approved.

The assistant moderator appointed a committee to remove resolutions from the minutes not pertaining to the association. Serving on the committee were Jack Jones, Harold Wiggington and Charles Walden.

Delegates were appointed to the State Association.

A motion carried to adjourn. Brother Charles Walden closed the session with prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Youth Rally tomorrow at the First Church in Booneville.

Prayer was requested for Rev. Floyd Barber of Little Brown. He is entering the hospital next week for tests.

Rev. Glen Jones urged all churches to promote youth rally.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. J. S. Whitehead
Rev. Jack Jones
Bro. James Downs

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Bro. Billy Tigrett
Sis. Neta Jones
Bro. Terrell Whittemore

C. T. S. COMMITTEE

Sis. Betty Barnes
Sis. Diana Postlewaite
Sis. Barbara Lambert

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Sis. Myrtis Mayo
Sis. Clela Mae Harville
Sis. Ruth Wiggington

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE: We, the Sunday School Committee, are pleased to report that all churches in our Little Brown Creek Association have active Sunday Schools. Sunday School enrollment has increased from 922 for the 1976-1977 year to 1008 for the 1977-78 year. We were unable to arrive at any conclusion on average attendance due to incomplete information in both the 1977 and 1978 yearly reports.

C. T. S. COMMITTEE: We, the C.T. S. Committee, are pleased to report that nine of our churches have an active C.T.S. This year only one church, Martin Hill, entered the competitive activities. Their Bible Bowl team advanced to the National level. Gena Griffin also received a number one rating for her solo in musical competition. We believe C.T.S. is an outstanding training service which prepares our young people to become better Christians as they study God's Word, and we encourage each church to promote participation.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, the Obituary Committee, regretfully submit the following eight deaths within our Little Brown Creek Association since our last associational meeting:

Martin Hill; Mrs. Mary Dobbs
Mt. Pisgah; Alvin Jackson Pitts, Hosie Turvaville
Little Brown; Bro. Earl Ray Smith
Macedonia; Bro. Eary Nash, Bro. John M. Chase
New Lebanon; Bro. Fay Nixon, Sis. Beulah Walden

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Sis. Peggy Hendrix
Sis. Eulene Hooper
Bro. Sherron Barron

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Rev. Malcolm Garrett
Rev. Terry Booker
Bro. Harold Wiggington

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bro. Johnny Johnson
Sis. Ruby Jones
Sis. Jewel Reeves

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Curtis Briley
Rev. Glen Jones
Bro. Joe Gann

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY--We, the Woman's Auxiliary Committee, have met and would like to report with four auxiliaries of 59 members. What we have given to the following--\$1,066.40 to Home Missions; \$545.93 to Foreign Missions; \$236.60 to Bible College; \$320.65 to Children's Home; \$60.00 to Retired Ministers; \$156.28 to Missionary Provision Closet. Total cash gifts \$3,279.81. Total non-cash \$437.28. Total giving for the year \$3,717.09 was given through the Woman's Auxiliary to the cause of Christ.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Beginning September 1, 1977 and ending August 30, 1978:

Balance brought forward	\$ 125.52
Offering and Church fees.	343.05
Total Income	468.57
Assistant Clerk	10.00
Moderator	15.00
Assistant Moderator	10.00
Clerk	25.00
State Association	30.00
Downs Printing	200.55
Balance in Treasury	178.02

NOMINATING COMMITTEE--The Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers:

- Moderator-Hollis Southerland
- Assistant Moderator-Malcolm Garrett
- Clerk-Diane Akers
- Assistant Clerk-Ruth McCoy
- S. S. Teacher Training Committee-Terry Booker
- Glen Jones
- Harold Wigginton

- Home Missions Board Replacements-Joe Gann
- Curtis Briley
- J. W. Lambert

HOME MISSIONS BOARD--For the associational year 1978-1979 the Home Mission Board is as follows: Laymen, Bro. Joe Gann (3 yrs.) Sis. Debra Short (2 yrs.), Bro. J. W. Lambert (1 yr.), Ministers, Rev. Curtis Briley (2 yrs.), Rev. Floyd C. Barber (1 yr.).

SLATE OF OFFICERS

Moderator.	Rev. Hollis Southerland
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Malcolm Garrett
Clerk.	Mrs. Diane Akers
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Ruth McCoy
S. S. Teacher Training Committee	Terry Booker
	Glenn Jones
	Harold Wigginton

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION-Sis. Dot Smith, Sis. Carl Bullard; Bro. Sam Postlewaite, Sis. Elizabeth Gibson, Bro. Harold Wigginton were appointed as delegates to the State Association.

CHURCHES	Church Membership Res.	Church Mem. Non-Res.	Total Membership	No. of Baptisms	Received by Letter	Lost by Letter	Lost to Non F.W.B.	Deceased	Sunday School Enrolled	Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrolled	Average Attendance	Vacation Bible School	Mid-Week Services	Ladies Auxiliary Enrolled	Average Attendance	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	F.W.B.B.C. Students	Other College Students	DELEGATES
Antioch			282	2	1	2			75	50	25		yes	-	no	-	3		-	-	Zora Broadway, Maoma Mann Ruby Blakney, Ruby Jones
Burgress Creek 1st Church	65	-	65	0	0	-	1	-	56	48	-	-	80	15	-	-	-	-	0	0	Betty Henderson, Peggy Belue Bob Pannell, Sandra Pannell
Booneville 1st Church	172	37	213	1	2	8	3	0	120	92	88	83	113	83	20	10	1	0	0	0	James Downs, Janice Holder, Lou Bullard Billy Tigrett, Faye Pierce
Iuka	36	2	38	3	2	0	0	0	35	33	15	10	-	20	-	-	1	0	0	0	Virginia Jones, Betty Barnes Mary Cummings, Karen Jones
Jones Chapel	53	54	107	2	1	0	0	0	35		no	-	no	20	no	-	1		0	0	Jerry Hooper, Eulene Hooper Nita Jones
Little Brown	62	59	121	4	0	4	1	1	61	50	45	35	86	35	-	-	1	0	0	2	Myrtis Mayo, Patsy Kennedy, Jackie Smith Mavalene Moss, Rachel Barber
Macedonia	50	2	52	0	1	4	0	2	54	33	15	12	-	-	-	-	2	2	0	0	Mr. & Mrs. Paul Maness Mr. & Mrs. Terell Whittermore
Martin Hill	287	103	390	10	18	-	0	1	293	152	90	53	110	53	11	9	2	-	0	7	Harold Wigginton, Ruth Wigginton Sam Postlewaite, Diana Postlewaite
Mt. Pisgah	124	29	153	1	1	-	-	2	75	61	40	28	45	-	18	9	1	0	0	2	Joe Gann, Sherron Barron Doyle Mann, Beatrice Mann
New Lebanon	157	95	252	5	3	2		2	130	90	20	20	96	30	20	15	2	1	-	-	Travis Hendrix, Peggy Hendrix J. W. Lambert, Barbara Lambert, Zula Lam
Smith Chapel Community Church	55	0	55	2	1	2	-	-	45	45	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	Margie Cole, Jewel Reeves Brenda Lathan, Ivell Henderson
			19	6	13	0	-	-	29	26	17	16	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	Johnny Johnson, Clea Mae Harville Bobby Whitmore, Charles South

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SEQUENCE IN WHICH THE ASSOCIATION WILL MEET AT THE VARIOUS CHURCHES:

1979 . . First Church Iuka	1985 . . Little Brown
1980 . . Burgess Creek	1986 . . Jones Chapel
1981 . . Smith Chapel	1987 . . First Church Booneville
1982 . . Mt. Pisgah	1988 . . Martin Hill
1983 . . Macedonia	1989 . . Community Church Corin
1984 . . Antioch	1990 . . New Lebanon

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we require each church in the Association to take up a free will offering at each monthly service, said offering to be kept in the respective church and to be expended by the deacons of said church for the purpose of paying ministers, repairing churches, and helping destitute members as the deacons see fit. 1927
2. Be it resolved that each church donate its pastor \$25.00 or more to enable him to devote more time to the studies of the Scriptures. 1927
3. Be it resolved that any minister of this Association who is guilty of any act or acts of misconduct which is liable to destroy said minister's influence or impair the influence of the Free Will Baptist faith and order, shall be deemed guilty of a disciplinary offense and after discipline has been used if he has not shown penitence he shall be excommunicated from the Association. 1927
4. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he (the clerk) call the roll call each session.
5. Be it resolved that we now, and henceforth, pay the clerk of our Association \$10.00 each year for the writing of the minutes. 1949
1932
6. Be it resolved that the Fifth Sunday Meeting be continued. 1955
7. Be it resolved that the church clerks inquire of members being received by letter, and that the clerk write for a letter of recommendation from the church they are leaving. The purpose of this procedure is to keep our church records straight. It is also recommended that they not be received into full fellowship until their letter or recommendation be received. 1956

8. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association unite with the Mississippi State Association of Free Will Baptist in order that we may further the cause of our Association, our Denomination, and our Lord. 1966
9. Be it resolved that it become a standard practice for the introductory speaker for the association to be left to the moderator and the assistant moderator. 1966
10. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association endorse and support, with prayers and attendance, the Christian Youth Rally for the training and encouragement of our youth. 1966
11. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek reactivate the Home Mission Board with a total of 5 members (2 ministers and 3 laymen) to be elected from the floor to serve annual terms and to be re-elected or replaced each year. Further resolve that this Board be charged with the training of laborers from our Association, and to receive voluntary support for worthwhile projects from member churches. 1966
12. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association prepare and present to each ordained and accepted minister an annual ministerial certificate denoting good standing, to be presented during the Association of each year. 1966
13. Be it resolved that it be written into the Constitution that the assistant moderator be moderator for the following year as has been previously voted on by the Association. 1966
14. Be it resolved that a free will offering be taken on Friday and Saturday morning of each association in order to support the general fund. 1967
15. That there be a form drafted and included in the church letters for each church to certify ministers who are members of that church and have proven to be sound in the faith and in good standing before the Association grants the annual ministers certification card. 1968
16. Be it resolved that a church that fails to report at two consecutive associations be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association. 1968
17. Be it resolved that the Association require that all new ministers pastoring churches in this Association come before the examining committee of the Ordination Council to have their credentials certified. The moderator of the Ordination Council, the clerk, and three elected members of the Ordination Council will serve as the examining committee. 1968

18. Be it resolved that we change the Fifth Sunday Meeting to a Quarterly Meeting to meet at a stated time each calendar quarter, and that officers be elected to plan and promote this meeting. 1969
19. Be it resolved that Minister Certification be examined by the Ordination Council and recommendations be made to the Association accordingly. 1969
20. Be it resolved that we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all Saturday. 1970
21. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
22. Be it resolved that we have a C. T. S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
23. Be it resolved that a Nominating Committee be appointed in the beginning of the association to nominate all officers and members of standing boards and committees for each association. 1971
24. Be it resolved that our Association use the standard Association report form that has been prepared by the National Association of Free Will Baptist. 1971
25. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
26. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
27. Be it resolved that the Association have a Sunday School Teacher Training course, and that a committee of three be appointed (two ministers and one layman) to be responsible. 1972
28. Be it resolved that a program committee be responsible for a printed schedule of the 1973 program. 1972
29. Be it resolved that the Sunday School Teacher Training Committee be continued each year with a committee elected and composed of three members, two ministers and one layman. 1973
30. Be it resolved that each church plan a Sunday School Workshop or study course to be conducted on the local level, thus striving to enroll each teacher, assistant teacher, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and all officers of the Sunday School. Furthermore, the Pastor and Sunday School Superintendent will assume responsibility of making plans for this Workshop. 1973

Be it resolved that a Laymen's Retreat be planned with all Pastor's and laymen invited to a Friday night and Saturday morning retreat for preaching, praying, teaching, and fellowship; and that a committee of three men be appointed to work out details. 1973

32. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$20.00 plus ten cents per mile round trip if he is selected by the Devotional Committee, but only one guest speaker from outside the association can be invited by the committee, 1974.

33. Be it resolved that the associational clerk be paid \$25.00 and the assistant clerk be paid \$10.00 a year, 1974.

34. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$50.00 plus ten cents per mile, round trip, 1975.

35. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning worship services, 1976.

36. Be it resolved that we ask each local church prepare their financial and statistical letter and return to the clerk the Monday following the last Sunday in August, in order that the clerk may have her work prepared for the association.

37. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this association examine Revival Ministers, that they be sound in faith and practice of Free Will Baptist Doctrine, 1977.

38. Be it resolved that we require Ministers holding membership in this association, who fail to report this annual meeting for two (2) consecutive years, either by his presence or a letter, be examined by the "Credentials Committee," as to their eligibility of credentials, 1977.

39. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of "thanks," to the Martin Hill Church for their hospitality during this associational meeting, 1977.

40. Be it resolved that this Association adopt a mid-year service to be held in the month of February for the purpose of bringing our member churches together for a time of associational fellowship and worship service. Churches will volunteer on a rotating basis to host such meeting and will be responsible for program and selection of a minister from our association to bring the message. 1978

41. Be it resolved that a committee be elected from this body for the purpose of reviewing resolution committee report and omitting those items that no longer pertain to this association. 1978



PETITIONARY LETTER

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of God, at _____ send this petitionary letter to the ministers and messengers, composing the Little Brown Creek Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with _____ Church, asking admittance to your honorable body. We were organized with _____ members, We send this petitionary letter by the hands of our beloved brethren, to wit: _____, if received, to sit with you in your deliberations and to help your honorable body.

The statistics of our church are as follows: Received by experience _____; by resolution _____; discontinued by letter _____; expelled _____; died _____. Total membership _____. Contributions \$ _____. We have elected Elder _____ to the pastoral care of our church for the ensuing year. Number of deacons _____; Number of ministers _____ Clerks name and address _____ Moderator's name and address _____

GOVERNMENT & CONSTITUTION OF LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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 forms of government should be invariably 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 1. Newly organized Free Will Baptist churches petition the Association for membership, which shall be granted by a majority vote of the Association.

Section 2. 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 1. Each church should have not more than four delegates.

Section 2. 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

Section 1. The officers of this organization shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer.

Section 2. Their duties shall be those usually involving such officers, and they shall serve until their successors are elected except the assistant moderator. The assistant moderator shall become the moderator for the following year.

ARTICLE V - Boards and Committees

Section 1. 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 2. 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 terms of one (1), two (2), and three (3) years. One minister and one lay member 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 3. The following committees shall be appointed at the start of each association: Devotional, Finance, Obituary, Resolution, and Sunday School. These committees shall serve until dismissed by the Association.

Section 4. Each board and committee shall make a report to the association before the close of the association.

Section 5. Temporary committees may be appointed by the moderator if the body sees need of such committees.

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

ARTICLE VII - Finances. Each church holding membership in this organization shall be asked to send, if possible, as much as fifteen (\$15.00) to each meeting. Expenditures of money to be by the direction of this body.

ARTICLE VIII - Report of Churches. Each church holding membership in this organization shall send a written report to each regular meeting. This report is to include such information as indicated by form letter provided.

ARTICLE IX - Quorum. Representatives from five (5) churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

ARTICLE X - The Minister

Section 1. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and for trying all ordained members for un-Christian conduct, there shall be a council, which shall convene at a stated time during the association, and at a 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 members present 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 who wish to come into this association from other associations or denominations and will ordain those who are sound in faith and practice according to 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 decisions shall be final.

Section 2. This association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, or any church who follows him in said teaching, or who is disloyal to the Faith as held by the association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Section 3. 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 or false teachings according

Free Will Baptist Articles of Faith.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of each member who shall organize a church to obtain deacons for the same who have been duly elected by the church body. It is his duty, also, to obtain deacons where 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 with other organizations which may have proved helpful to the work of the church.

DOCTRINE

THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and our infallible rule of faith and practice. (II Peter 1:18-21; II Timothy 3:16,17.)

GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love adore and obey. (Deut. 6:4; I Cor. 8:4; Jer. 10:10; John 4:24; Eph. 4:6)

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. (I Tim. 3:16; John 1:1,2; Matt 1:23; Rom. 3:25, 26; Matt. 26:28; Matt. 28:5,6)

THE HOLY SPIRIT. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. (I John 16:13; John 16:8; II Peter 1:21)

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. (Acts 17:28; Matt. 10:30; Job 14:5; Isa. 9:6)

THE SINFULNESS OF MAN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to year of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. (John 3:3; Rom 3:23; Isa. 64:6)

THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection, effected for all redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith. (Heb. 2:9; Rom. 5:18; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 4:25.)

THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) 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. (c) Continuance in faith

and obedience until death. (Acts 17:20; Luke 13:3; Acts 16:31; Eph. 2:8,9; Rev. 2:10)

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. (Rom. 3:28-30; Rom. 10:9,10; I Peter 1:2)

FREEDOM OF 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. (Rev. 22:17; II Chro. 7:14; Rev. 3:20.)

SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. (Mark 16:15; Isa. 55:1; Gal. 2:20)

PERSERVANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. (II Peter 1:10; Heb. 6:4-6; Rev. 2:10)

GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance, teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers. (Matt. 28:19,20; Col. 2:12; Rom. 6:4; I Cor. 11:23-29; John 13:4-14)

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 Cor. 16:2; Gen. 14:20; Mal. 3:8-10)

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; Ex. 20:8-11; Luke 24:1-6)

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." (I Cor. 15:1-58; Acts 17:31; Heb. 9:27; II Cor. 5:10; Matt. 25:46)

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 in 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.

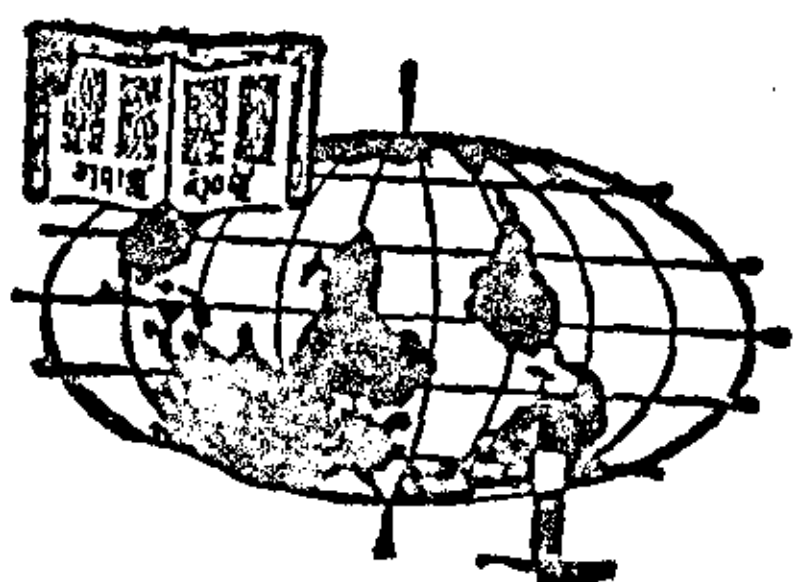
We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, 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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational 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.

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 brethren.
5. Any unfinished business?
6. Any new business?
7. Reading of minutes.
8. Invitation for members.
9. Motion to adjourn.



GOVERNMENT AND RULES OF THE 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. The speaker should not cast a 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.

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.

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

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

The minutes of the association shall be read before the body just prior to 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's heritage, or infringe on any of the internal privileges or rights of the churches in our union, but shall be considered an advisory council in all things pertaining to the internal concern of the churches.

The association is to give the best advice 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 the association is to withdraw from the church, which they look upon as unsound in principles, and disorderly conduct of practice, until they be reclaimed.

The association is not to take a case of any kind, within the union, without the consent of the majority of the churches, and then only to give advice.