

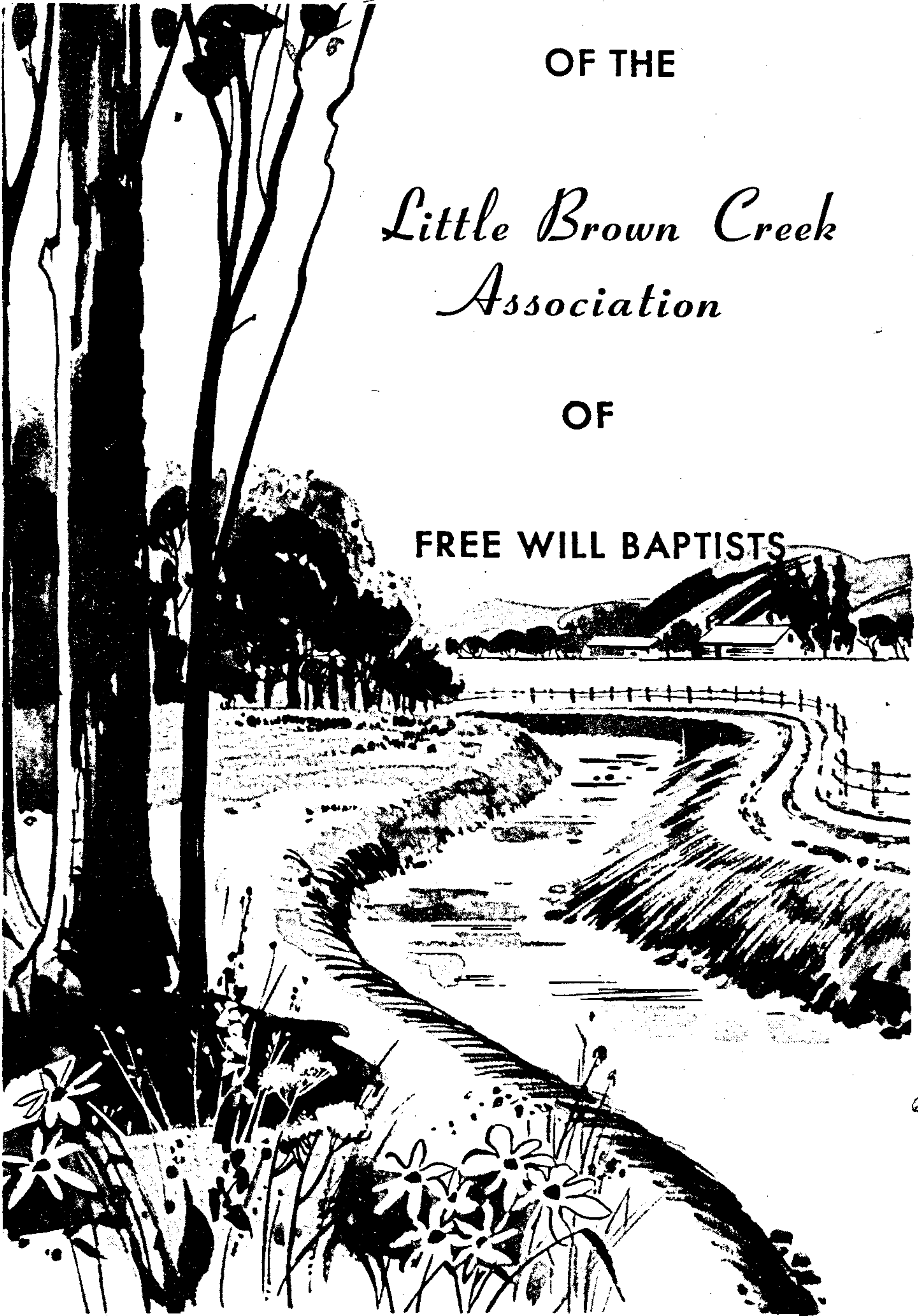
MINUTES

OF THE

*Little Brown Creek
Association*

OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS



MINUTES
of the
LITTLE BROWN CREEK
ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

1982

Held with Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church on Friday Night and
Saturday before the first Lord's Day in September, 1982.

NEXT QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

December 4, 1982 Mt. Pisgah
March 5, 1983 First Church-Booneville
June 4, 1983 Community
September 2 & 3, 1983 Macedonia

ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

Rev. Terry Crabb Rt #2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	
Rev. D. W. Jones, Jr. Rt #2, Box 241Y Tishomingo, MS 38873	462-5625
Rev. Allen Jones Harmony Hill Apts. Burnsville, MS 38833	
Rev. Eulon Pruitt Dennis, MS 38838	
Rev. Benny McKinney Rt #2 Tishomingo, MS 38873	423-6619
Rev. Danny Short Rt #1, Box 243 Marietta, MS 38856	728-7012
Rev. Travis Smith Rt #1 Rienzi, MS 38865	462-7128
Rev. Lenarse Strickland Rt #1, Box 306 Booneville, MS 38829	462-5294
Rev. J. S. Whitehead Rt #2, Box 259 Tishomingo, MS 38873	462-5706
Rev. Tommy Wright Rt #4 Booneville, MS 38829	728-8781

ADDRESSES OF CHURCH CLERKS

Antioch	Doris Bray 423-5873	Rt 2, Box 352, Iuka, MS	38852
Burgess Creek	Mary Crowell 423-5315	Rt 2, Box 45M, Tishomingo, MS	38873
Community	Cleta Harville	Rt 1, Box 165A, Glen, MS	38846
Faith			
First Church Booneville	Mary Bullard 728-6051	Rt 3, Rienzi, MS	38865
First Church Iuka	Betty Barnes 423-9835	Rt 2, Box 523, Iuka, MS	38852
Jones Chapel	Peggy Stacks 869-5802	Rt 3, Blue Springs, MS	38828
Little Brown	Bettie Akers 728-3018	Rt 5, Box 164, Booneville, MS	38829
Macedonia	Ruby Whittemore 462-5684	Rt 1, Box 222, Rienzi, MS	38865
Martin Hill	Peggle Griffin 728-7979	Rt 5, Booneville, MS	38829
Mt. Pisgah	Esta Lee Gann 728-3781	Rt 7, Box 184, Booneville, MS	38829
New Lebanon	Vaughanda Hall 462-5997	Rt 2, Box 255A, Tishomingo, MS	38873
Smith Chapel	Jewel Reeves 728-9376	Rt 1, Booneville, MS	38829

PAST QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

December 5, 1981 (First Church - Iuka)

Morning Devotion. Rev. Danny Short
Morning Message. Rev. Glenn Jones
Afternoon Devotion. Rev. Curtis Briley

March 6, 1982 (Faith - Golden)

Morning Devotion. Rev. Tommy Wright
Morning Message. Rev. Jack Jones
Afternoon Devotion. Rev. Malcolm Garrett

June 5, 1982 (Little Brown)

Morning Devotion. Rev. Gene Gilbert
Morning Message. Rev. Vance Sexton
Afternoon Devotion. Rev. J. S. Whitehead

MINUTES OF THE NINETY SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF
THE LITTLE BROWN CREEK ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION:

The ninety second annual session was held at Mt. Pisgah Free Will Baptist Church on September 3, Friday night and Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1982.

Our opening song was "Love Lifted Me", led by Rev. Leonard Casabella with Stephanie Livingston at the piano. After "Blessed Assurance" was sung, Moderator Johnny Sexton gave a hearty welcome to the association, and this session was officially called to order.

After roll call of churches, recognition of pastors, deacons and delegates, the committee on committees was appointed, consisting of Rev. Hollis Southerland,, Chairman, Rev. Tommy Wright, and Brother Sammy Tolar.

Prayer was then led by Bro. L. Taylor, and Mt. Pisgah, the host church, rendered special music sung by Mrs. Alta Walker, Mrs. Ruby Southerland, Mrs. Esta Lee Gann, and Mrs. Rachel Livingston, accompanied by Stephanie Livingston. Their selected numbers were "He Will Roll You Over the Tide" and "Jesus is Precious".

The evening message was presented by Rev. Luther Gibson. His scripture text was John 9: 1-7, centering on verse 4. After prayer, Bro. Gibson pointed out three things we must not quit:

1. The sound preaching of Christ
2. The preaching of separation
3. The Savior

Then three things we will quit:

1. This world of sin
2. This world of suffering
3. This world of trials

Bro. Leonard Casabella led the congregation in "Just As I Am".

The Committee on Committees gave their report, the committee was dismissed, and the appointment of committees was accepted.

With all minds clear, everyone stood for the dismissing prayer led by Bro. Norlin Jones.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION:

The Saturday morning session was opened with the announcement that the credential committee was to meet with Allen Jones at recess. Then Rev. Jack Jones led us in "Standing on the Promises" with Sonja Jones at the piano. After prayer was led by Bro. Glenn Cummings, Bro. Jones led "Take the Name of Jesus With You", and "I'll Fly Away" accompanied by Debra Short.

The first message of the morning was delivered by Rev. Leonard Casabella, who chose for his text and title Philipians 3:7-21--- "To Be Honest, I Have a Flesh Problem". He pointed out to be filled with the spirit, one must die to the flesh.

After this devotion, church letters were read, and the motion carried that letters be accepted and delegates seated.

Before dismissing for a short recess, Rev. J. S. Whitehead led in prayer.

"Take a moment and Live" brought the meeting back into session, led by Rev. Jack Jones, and prayer led by Bro. Joe Ellis Gann.

After the singing of "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago", Rev. Lenarse Strickland presented our final morning message, "Fellowship of the Saints", with Bible reading from 1 John 1: 1-7. We need to listen to what God speaks to us personally, and lift each other up in the faith. We grieve God's heart when we aren't in perfect fellowship with the Lord. We will not be contrary with our Saviour if we walk in the spirit.

Bro. Benny McKinney led in the song "Are You Washed in the Blood", and Christians greeted each other with a handshake.

Rev. Hollis Southerland gave us instructions on our noon meal, and dismissing prayer and grace was led by Rev. Danny Short.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION:

Rev. Benny McKinney began our afternoon session with "Where the Soul Never Dies", "Just a Little Talk With Jesus" and "Amazing Grace", with prayer by Rev. Glenn Jones.

Our afternoon message was delivered by Rev. D.W. Jones, Jr., with prayer by Dr. Johnny Sexton. Bro. Jones chose for his reading in Acts 11: 26, and titled his message "What God Expects of a Christian". He pointed out that we are not expected to do that which we are not capable, but we need to do what God expects of us, for we will give an account of it. We need to

1. Grow in Christ Jesus
2. Go tell the world
3. Glow that others may see our works and glorify God
4. Sow the seed of the word of God

After this soul-searching message, Dr. Johnny Sexton began our business session. A motion was made to assign the quarterly meetings alphabetically, but was voted down, and the meetings will be established by invitation at each annual meeting.

Bro. Curtis Briley was given a rising vote of thanks for his labors at Faith, with prayer led by Bro. Sherron Barron. A special offering was received for Bro. Briley of \$187.46. Bro. Briley thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

A rising stand of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality, meal, and good fellowship.

With business over, and all minds clear, this 1982 session was adjourned with dismissing prayer led by Rev. Malcolm Garrett.

COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Hollis Southerland
Tommy Wright
Sammy Tolar

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Earline Smith
Cuthan Cagle
Angie Cummings

CTS COMMITTEE

Jackie Lambert
Paula Gilbert
Leonard Casabella

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Kelly Terry
Dewayne Pannell
Smith Brackeen

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Sonja Jones
Annette Huddleston
Ruby Blakney

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Betty Helton
Bill Wallace
Nita Jones

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Paul Long
Norlin Jones
Gerald Bennett

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Curtis Briley
Glen Cummings
Danny Short

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Robert Reeves (5 years)
Monty Jo Bonds (4 years)
Eulon Pruitt (3 years)
Luther Gibson (2 years)
Charles Walden (1 years)

HOME MISSION BOARD

Joe Ellis Gann (3 years)
Gene Gilbert (2 years)
Steve Jones (2 years)
Glen Cummings (1 year)
Norlin D. Jones (1 year)

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

Luther Gibson
D.W. Jones, Jr.
Malcolm Garrett
James Nichols

CHURCH SEQUENCE FOR ANNUAL ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

1983 Macedonia	1990 New Lebeonan
1984 Antioch	1991 First Church Iuka
1985 Little Brown	1992 Burgess Creek
1986 Jones Chapel	1993 Faith
1987 First Church Booneville	1994 Smith Chapel
1988 Martin Hill	1995 Mount Pisgah
1989 Community	

CHURCH SEQUENCE FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS

December 4, 1982	Mt. Pisgah
March 5, 1983	First Church-Booneville

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

OFFICERS REPORT

(Glen Jones, Tommy Wright, and J.S. Whitehead)

At the last quarterly meeting, it was decided to try to have a summer youth camp. After checking prices at Tishomingo State Park, we felt \$100 per student would not be feasible. The committee was appointed to get the needs of Morganwood Youth Camp, for possibly a donation from our association.

BIBLE INSTITUTE

The past year for the institute was successful, and four more people graduated. All pastors are encouraged to use this institute. The four categories of classes are:

- (1) Biblical Beliefs
- (2) Hebrews
- (3) Teaching Techniques
- (4) Understanding Techniques

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Bro. Curtis Bailey has agreed to stay at Faith until something can be done. The debt of Faith, plus up-keep monthly runs \$175, and Home Missions has a bank balance of \$2.00. Everyone is encouraged to pray for this work. Densell Jones is requested to work with whomever feels led to go to Faith.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We report that all churches in our Little Brown Creek Association have an active Sunday School. But, we are unhappy to say that our yearly average overall is down by forty-four from last year. This should make us aware of our need to work harder this year. We challenge our pastors, teachers, and members to put forth a greater effort than ever before.

CTS REPORT

We report that we have the same number of active CTS programs, and our enrollment has grown from 328 to 388, with average attendance increasing from 246 to 322. Therefore, the CTS committee recommends that every church that doesn't have an active CTS in session be in prayer about a future church training service.

NOMINATING REPORT:

Moderator	Gene Gilbert
Assistant Moderator	Glenn Jones
Clerk	Debra Short
Assistant Clerk	Paula Gilbert

STATE ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

(Nov 5 and 6, 1982, First Church-Iuka)

Tommy Wright	
Virginia Jones	Alt: Ruby Southerland
Paula Gilbert	Angie Cumming
Sonja Jones	
Ruby Blakney	

FINANCE REPORT

Beginning August 1, 1981 and ending August 1, 1982:

Balance brought forward	\$ 126.93	
Offerings & Church fees	800.65	
Total		927.58
Expenses:		
Stamps, copies, etc.	41.23	
Ministers' cards	2.25	
Belmont Missions	126.11	
Moderator	15.00	
Clerk	25.00	
Assistant clerk	10.00	
State Association fee	160.00	
Downs Printing	395.77	
Total		775.36
Balance in Treasury		152.22

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Credential Committee responds that:

- (1) Allen Jones be ordained into the association.
- (2) Benny McKinney be licensed by the association.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

We are happy to report a very good year in our work. A total money and non-cash gifts given through the auxiliary convention totalled \$5958.07. Of this amount, \$2596.86 was given to missions. We would encourage the other churches to get involved in the great work of Women's Auxiliary.

**LITTLE BROWN CREEK DISTRICT WOMAN S AUXILIARY
TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

TREASURER Mary Bullard ADDRESS Rt. 3, Rienzi, Ms. 38865

NUMBER ACTIVE MEMBERS ON ROLL 115
MEMBERSHIP FEES ENCLOSED 201.25

HOME MISSIONS

Special Project - State Speaker at Banquet 50.00
Pre Thanksgiving 105.00
State Mission Offering
Faith Church 600.00
Gulfport 920.00 1538.35

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pre Easter 99.25
Special Projects
Joe Haas Acct 252.00
Judy Smith 372.26 624.26

BIBLE COLLEGE

General Funds
Student Loan Fund 188.02

WNAC GENERAL FUND (AUGUST EMPHASIS FUND) 84.03

CO-LABORER OFFERINGS 89.77

CHILDREN'S HOME 25.00

RETIRED MINISTERS

YOUTH CAMP OR PROJECTS

AUXILIARY LITERATURE SUPPLIES 518.80

LOCAL CHURCH ACTIVITIES 1507.40

OTHER SPECIAL OFFERINGS - Casset Ministry 30.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 5061.13

PLEASE LIST ANY CASH GIFTS SENT DIRECTLY TO:

Foreign Missions
Home Missions
State Missions 200.00
Free Will Baptist College 200.00
Youth Camp Projects 96.94
TOTAL 496.94

NON CASH GIFTS (EVALUATE)

Children's Homes 400.00
Missionary Provision Closet
TOTAL 896.94

GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENT 5958.07

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We regretfully submit the following death within our association since our last association meeting.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Antioch

Bro. Alfred Johnson
Sis. Julia Braddock

Burgess Creek

-0-

Community

-0-

Faith

-0-

First Church-Booneville

Sis. Alma Martin
Bro. Clovis Fugit

First Church-Iuka

-0-

Jones Chapel

-0-

Little Brown

Sis. Hattie Holley Inman
Sis. Lula Horn Harling

Macedonia

Bro. Ervin Lambert
Bro. William Maness

Martin Hill

Bro. Artie Martin
Bro. Wirgle Nicholson
Sis. Vada Hill
Sis. Christine Carter
Bro. Dexter Lambert
Sis. Lucille Jones
Sis. Ben Bishop

Mt. Pisgah

Sis. Pearl Stevenson
Sis. Johnnie Claire Breeland
Bro. Herbert Smith
Sis. Pearl Briley
Sis. Carl Huddleston

New Lebanon

Sis. Grace McCoy
Sis. Gladys Harris
Bro. Jack Hill

Smith Chapel

Sis. Arillia Thompson

CHURCHES	Church Membership - Resident	Non-Resident	Total	Baptisms	Received by Letter	Lost	Lost to Non-FWB	Deceased	VBS Average	Prayer Meeting Average	Sunday School - Enrollment	Average Attendance	CTS - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Ladies Auxiliary - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Ministers - Ordained	Licensed College Students - FWB	Other	Master's Men - Enrollment	Average Attendance	Deacons
Antioch	116	185	301	6	3	6	0	2	80	46	100	88	50	46	21	10	1	0	0	8	7	4
Burgess Creek	90	16	106	25	8	5	5	0	55		57	38			10	7	1	0	3	0	0	2
Community	42		42	5	12	0	0	0	0	30	55	43			12	10	1	1	1	8	7	0
Falch	7		7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
1st FWB, Booneville	206	37	243	3	10	1	6	1	95	63	84	81	83	63	15	10	1	1	3	19	17	7
1st FWB, Iuka	161	7	168	10	16	3	3	0			75	55	12	7	12	8	1	1	0	10	5	5
Jones Chapel			102	8	1	27	0	0	0	50	0	70	50	50	0	0	1	0	1	0	5	
Little Brown	81	30	111	8	0	3	3	2	70	40	82	70	53	40	0	0	1	0	4		9	3
Macedonia	48	4	52	1	1	2	0	2	0	10	50	40	30	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	
Martin Hill	411		411	13	17	13	6	7				133	80	70	12	8	3	0	8	18	11	6
Mt. Pisgah	140	24	164	12	5	6	1	5	47	24	70	51	30	26	15	8	1	0	2		4	
New Lebanon	98	183	281	1	0	9	1	3	55	20	102	86	0	0	21	12	4	0	2	0	7	
Smith Chapel			77	0	0	1	0	1	0	17	35	34	0	0	10	7	3	1	0	0	3	
TOTAL	1,400	486	2,065	92	73	76	19	23	402	300	718	800	388	322	128	80	21	4	1	24	63	55
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CHURCHES	Church Value	Parsonage Value	Church Debt.	Income	Pastor's Salary	Remodeling	Debt Retirement	Local Expenses	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	FWB Bible College	State Ministries	Associational Fee
Antioch	\$ 150,000			26,726	11,925	1,258		10,557	390	700			35
Burgess Creek	20,000			9,376	5,942	274		4,685		129			35
Community	60,000		20,769	16,927			906	9,716	1,451	424		300	35
Faith	30,000		9,000	2,721	820	572	1,992			100			
1st FWB, Booneville	140,000	30,000		41,525	12,962	7,500		16,858	1,518	1,403	1,230		35
1st FWB, Iuka	100,000		19,955	32,358	17,300	3,182	1,950	7,196	150	200			35
Jones Chapel	80,000			18,993	4,050	6,016		2,296					35
Little Brown	92,000	47,000		25,674	8,580	235	3,510	6,723	195	355	120	90	35
Macedonia	45,000		1,000	6,935	5,100	1,073							35
Martin Hill	185,000	35,000		37,457		987	4,567	25,462	1,383	5,062			35
Mt. Pisgah	100,000			20,465	7,800	1,928		2,616	1,260	2,703			35
New Lebanon	100,000	35,000		41,295	8,200	486		5,446	395	404			35
Smith Chapel	45,000			8,440	3,900		1,583	816	110	80			35
TOTAL	\$1,147,000	147,000	50,724	288,892	86,579	23,511	14,508	92,371	6,852	11,560	1,350	390	

DELEGATES

ANTIOCH

James Nichols
Ruby Blakney
Sonja Jones
Glen Cummings

BURGESS CREEK

Betty Helton
Lela Barnett
Betty Moore
Mara Nell Crowell

COMMUNITY

Steve Jones
Charles South
Bill Wallace
Bill Bonds

FAITH

Faye Pruitt
John Pruitt

FIRST CHURCH-BOONEVILLE

James Downs
Tommy Wright
Curtis Smith
Earline Smith

FIRST CHURCH-IUKA

James Davis
Emma Lou Davis
Joey Smith
Marie Smith

JONES CHAPEL

Nita Jones

LITTLE BROWN

Sammy Tolar
Lynette Tolar
Ilene Smith
Paula Gilbert

MACEDONIA

Ruby Whittemore
Ray Nash
Janey Pannell
Dewayne Pannell

MARTIN HILL

Smith Brackeen
Peggy Sexton
Karl Sexton
Aileen Sharp

MT. PISGAH

Gerald Bennett
Arby Livingston
Cuthen Cagle
Wade Green

NEW LEBANON

Madrid Richardson
June Skinner
Jackie Lambert
Kathy Alexander

SMITH CHAPEL

Annette Huddleston
Phil Huddleston
Margie Cole
Jewel Reeves

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

1. 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
2. Be it resolved that the clerk enroll ministers and delegates comprising each association and that he (the clerk) call the roll each session.
3. 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
4. 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
5. 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
6. 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, be it resolved 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
7. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association prepare and present to each ordained and accepted minister an annual ministerial certificate denoting good standins, to be presented during the Association of each year. 1966
8. 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
9. 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
10. Be it resolved 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

11. Be it resolved that a church that fails to report at two consecutive associations be automatically removed from the rolls of this Association. 1968
12. 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 examination committee. 1968
13. Be it resolved that Minister Certification be examined by the Ordination Council and recommendations be made to the Association accordingly. 1969
14. Be it resolved that we have two sessions in our Associational Meetings which would be Friday night and all Saturday. 1970
15. Be it resolved that we print in the minutes the churches and their pastors with addresses and phone numbers of pastors. 1970
16. Be it resolved that we have a C. T. S. Committee to report at future meetings of the Association. 1971
17. 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
18. 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
19. Be it resolved that Scripture for Doctrinal Statements be included in the minutes. 1971
20. Be it resolved that all Committees and Boards be recorded in the minutes each year. 1971
21. 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
22. Be it resolved that a program committee be responsible for a printed schedule of the 1973 program. 1972
23. 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
24. 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
25. Be it resolved that the associational clerk be paid \$25.00 and the assistant clerk be paid \$10.00 a year. 1974
26. Be it resolved that a visiting speaker be given \$50.00 plus ten cents per mile, round trip. 1975

27. Be it resolved that the host church be responsible for special music before the Friday evening and Saturday morning services. 1976
28. Be it resolved that we ask each local church prepare their financial and statistical letter and return to the clerk Monday following the last Sunday in August, in order that the clerk may have her work prepared for the association.
29. Be it resolved that churches holding membership in this association examine Revival Ministers, that they be sound in the faith and practice of Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1977
30. Be it resolved that we require Ministers holding membership in this association, who fail to report to 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
31. Be it resolved that this Association adopt a mid-year service to be held in the month of February for the purpose of bring 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
32. Be it resolved we recommend that so long as the Little Brown Creek Association Bible Institute functions that the Sunday School Training Committee work in co-operation with the Bible Institute. 1979
33. Be it resolved that we recommend this association ask the State Association to consider the probability of changing the letter form used by the churches to report to the Association. 1979
34. Be it resolved that we, the Little Brown Creek Association, go on record as opposing:
 - 1) The Equal Rights Amendment
 - 2) Abortion on demand
 - 3) The Supreme Court ruling on Bible Reading & prayer in our public schools
 and that letters be sent to our Congressman and Senators of this business. 1980
35. Be it resolved that the Sunday School training committee be dismissed and a Board of Christian Education be elected to determine policy and oversee the functions of the Little Brown Creek Bible Institute. This board would be made up of 5 members to be elected in alternate 5 year periods. 1980
36. Be it resolved that a Layman's Retreat be planned with all Pastors 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. 1980
37. Be it resolved that the Home Missions Board of the Little Brown Creek Association begin preparations for establishing a new Free Will Baptist work in the Belmont-Golden area. 1980
38. Be it resolved that the Little Brown Creek Association year end on August 1 instead of September 1 with all church clerks having your church letter to the association no later than August 15. 1980
39. Be it resolved that our association begin meeting on a regular quarterly basis for the purpose of conducting associational business, and also to strengthen our fellowship with one another. Each church is asked to send delegates to each meeting so they may be represented. The meeting dates will be: Saturday before first Sunday in December; Saturday before first Sunday in March; and Saturday before first Sunday in June; and Friday night and Saturday before first Sunday in September, 1981. 1981
40. Be it resolved that the association pay Bro. Glen Cummings expenses he had to pay out of his own pocket for the Layman's Retreat, since the committee was appointed by the association to set up a layman's retreat, and since not enough men were present to meet the expenses- 1981.

41. Be it resolved that since heresy and error be so predominate, we recommend each make sure their pastor preaches, believes, and adheres to Free Will Baptist Doctrine. 1982
42. Be it resolved that a special offering for Golden Mission be received. 1982
43. Be it resolved that Little Brown Creek Association form a district Masters Men to consist of members of the local churches. 1982
44. Be it resolved that the Home Mission Board is to get someone to fill the Golden Missions, or be empowered to make whatever arrangements be necessary to take care of those responsibilities. 1982

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.



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

to 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 high best 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. 8:28-30; 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)

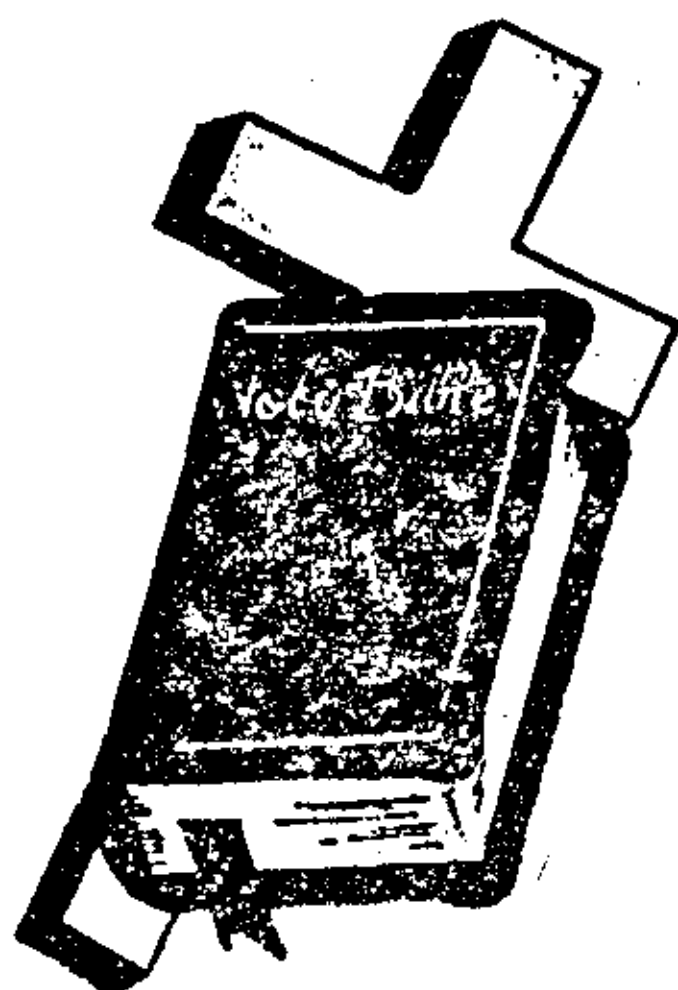
PERSERVANCE. All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation. (II Peter 1:10; Heb. 6:4-6; Rev. 2:10)

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.

