# MINUTES

Of

# Ninth Annual Session

# Of

# **Mission** Association

# Of Free Will Baptist

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CONVENED WITH THE Lead Hill Church



# FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented By

Rev. Glen Lewis

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### LEAD HILL CHURCH NEAR MANSFIELD, MO. BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING AUGUST 8, 1957

#### **OFFICERS**

Rev. O. T. Dixon		Moderator
Rev. John Silvey Ass	istant	Moderator
Mrs. W. K. Elliott	Clerk	k-Treasurer
Margaret Walls	Assis	stant Clerk

#### **EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Rev. Homer Smith	1958
Rev. John W. Silvey	1959
Deacon Ray Hutsell	1960
Deacon Charley Franklin	1961
Rev. Archie A. Hogue	1962

The next session of this association will be held with the Wolf Creek church 5 miles north of Mansfield, Mo., 1 mile east off Highway 5, beginning on Thursday 9:00 a.m. before the second Sunday in August, 1958.

Rev. John W. Silvey to bring the associational message. Rev. Charley Findley alternate.

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#### Thursday, 9:00 a.m.

The Mission assocation met in the ninth annual session at the Lead Hill church near Mansfield, Mo.

The meeting called to order by moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon. Congregational song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Singing led by Rev. Hershel Freeman with Barbara Walls

at the piano.

The welcome address was given by Rev. E. E. Winfree from the Harmony church.

Response by Bro. W. C. Klingensmith concluded with prayer. I Corinthians, Chapter 13 was read by the moderator.

Mrs. W. K. Elliott was appointed as clerk protem of this session.

A business committee was appointed: Bro. Charley Franklin, Bro. Frank England and Bro. John Hickman.

A committee on committees was appointed: Rev. Homer Smith, Rev. A. A. Hogue and Sister Lena England.

A pulpit committee was appointed: Rev. Chas Chamberlain, Rev. Leonard Keys, and Bro. J. A. Cameron.

The congregation sang "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." While letters were received from the churches.

The constitution and the by-laws of the association were read by Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Prayer by Rev. John Silvey, congregation sang, "Amazing Grace," led by Rev. Hershel Freeman .

Pastor of the host church, Rev. Chas. Chamberlain was presented by the moderator, who made an inspirational talk and welcome.

Rev. Fred Wynn upon introduction by moderator, gave a report on work in churches of California, followed by personal testimony.

The statistician, Rev. Herbert S. Vandivort gave a report on the chuches of the mission association, motion sustained to adopt the report.

Visitors were recognized. Pastor of the Grant Avenue church in Springfield, Rev. Lester Hylton, gave his personal testimony for the Lord. Motion sustained for Bro. Hylton be seated in this session.

Moderator spoke concerning cooperative program.

Motion sustained to urge our church to participate in the co-operative program of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Ministers bringing reports and receiving annual ministerial certificates were:

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John W. Silvey; C. D. Findley; H. J. Freeman; H. G. Barr; Ezra Butts; E. E. Winfree; Leonard Keys; A. W. Brook; H. S. Vandivort; O L. Claxton; Homer Smith; Lester Lawler; M. F. Allsman; A. A. Hogue; Floyd Roberts; Lee Maxwell; Chas. Chamberlain; O. T. Dixon; A. M. Halford; Carl Postlewait; Mary Wester; Cellia Duckworth.

Congregational singing, led by Rev. O. L. Claxton, Barbara Walls, pianist, 'Lord Lead Me".

Prayer by Rev. Leonard Keys.

Song, "I'm Getting Ready To Go Home."

Report of churches given by business committee chairman, Bro. Charley Franklin on, Faith and Hope, Mtn. Grove, Rock Chapel, Liberty, Mtn. Valley, Pleasant Home No. 1. Union church, New Rock Springs, Wolf Creek, Number One.

Delegates seated.

Pulpit committee was appointed, Rev. Chas Chamberlain, Rev. Leonard Keys and Bro. James Cameron.

Partial report by business committee to seat delegates, Mrs. Hershel Halliburton and Mrs. Hazel Elliott from quarterly meeting.

Oral report on Liberty quarterly conference given by Rev. A. M. Halford.

Letters read and received from Liberty association, delegates seated.

Prayer by Rev. A. A. Hogue.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

#### 11:00 A. M. Service

Congregational Song, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

Prayer, Rev. Chas Chamberlain.

Song, "All Alone."

Solo, "Someone is Constantly Watching You," by Janice Smith.

Congregational singing, "In The Vineyard of the Lord."

Speaker of the hour, Rev. O. L. Claxton was presented by moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Scripture, Hebrews 9:1-15.

Song, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Hand shake during song "I'll Be Satisfied."

Benediction, Bro. Frank England.

#### NOON

#### 1:00 Service

Congregation sang, "Revive Us Again" and "I'll Be Ready," led by Bro. James Cameron, Barbara Wall, pianist.

John I used by Bro. John W. Silvey, who brought the devotional.

Prayer by Rev. A. M. Halford.

The business committee reports favorably on: Mt. Zion, Pleasant Hill; Union Grove; New Home; Lead Hill; Happy Ridge, No. 1; Union Chapel; Hartville; Lone Star; Mt. Zion, No. 2; Mt. Pisgah; Fairview, No. 3; New Prospect, and Harmony churches.

Letters were received and delegates were seated.

Following committees appointed:

1. Committe on Sabbath:

Rev. Floyd Roberts. Troy McCleary Clifford Moles.

- 2. Temperance Committee: Rev. Emmitt Hutsell Rev. Lee Maxwell Raymond Smith.
- Sunday School Committee: Mrs. Chas. Chamberlain Mrs. Wilma Walls Rev. Lester Lawler.
- 4. Obituary Committee: Bertha Findley Rev. A. M. Halford
  - Mrs. Al Claxton

5. League Committee:

Rev. Herbert Vandivort

Mrs. Bessie Hogue

Mrs. Verba Smith

Motion sustained for Miss Margaret Evans from Springfield, Mo., a student in Free Will Baptist Bible College, to give a few words concerning the work at the college, and a personal testimony for the Lord. She used II Timothy 2:15 as text of her testimony and an inspiring one it was.

Congregation sang, "Send the Light."

Business Committee brings requests:

No. 1 — Pleasant Home, No. 1 requested names of ministers not busy full time.

No. 2 — Faith and Hope church requests Bro. Leonard Means' license be extended for 1 more year.

Letters were read from the following sister associations, motion sustained to receive their letters, seat the delegates and send delegates to their associations; Little Vine Association. Rev. A. A. Hogue gave verbal report delegates elected to go to their associations were: Rev. A. A. Hogue, Mrs. Bessie Hogue.

2. Cave Spring Association delegates elected were: Rev. Leonard Keys, Mrs. Bessie Keys.

3. Mission Missouri General Baptist Association delegates elected were, Rev. O. T. Dixon and Mrs. Margaret Dixon, Bro. John Hickman.

4. Liberty Association: Report given by Rev. Chas Findley.

Delegates elected were: Rev. Fred Wynn, Rev. Lester Lawler, Rev. E. E. Winfree.

Chairman of Business Committee reports on financial standing of association and urged more liberal offerings.

Moderator acknowledged visitors, Bro. Letsinger, from Mt. Pleasant General Baptist church, Mansfield, Mo., gave personal testimony.

Congregational song, "Oh Come Angel Band."

Brother Homer Smith, chairman of committee on committee in response to request, No. 1 gave report of pastors not busy full time, they were Rev. Hershell Freeman, Rev. Emmitt Hutsell, Rev. Leonard Keys and Rev. O. L. Claxton, these were presented to representatives of Pleasant Home, No. 1. Request No. 2 passed on and license for Bro. Leonard Means were extended for another year.

Rev. A. A. Hogue was elected as member of the executive board, the term to include 1962.

Rev. Lester Hylton from Grant Avenue Free Will Baptist church in Liberty Association was presented by moderator to bring the 2:30 message. His text, Joshua 1:2-9, subject, "Be Strong and of Good Courage"

Congregation sang, "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

Silent prayer by christians of congregation.

Invitation given by Rev. O. T. Dixon.

Motion sustained to adjourn.

Benediction, Brother Hershel Halliburton.

#### **Thursday Evening**

Session called to order by moderator.

Congregational singing, Brother Cameron appointed to lead singing throughout the association.

Special music, Chamberlain family.

Prayer, Rev. Fred Wynn.

Devotional led by Rev. Leonard Keys.

Prayer by Bro. Ray Hutsell.

Moderator introduced Rev. Homer Smith for evening message, he used Matt. 26:30-46. Text 39th verse. Subject, "He Went A Little Farther."

Prayer by Rev. Chas. Chamberlain.

#### Friday 9:00 A. M.

Session called to order by moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon. Opening song, 'When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Bro. John Hickman. Devotional by Bro. Letsinger, using John 13.

Ministers and delegates who did not attend Thursday were acknowledged by moderator and welcome extended to all.

A recommendation from the business committee was presented that article 16 of the by-laws be changed to read: "These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the association." Motion sustained.

Moderator, Rev. O. T. Dixon discussed need for resolutions to be carried on an additional page of records by clerk. Motion made and sustained.

Discussions on whether or not it is best to dissolve the Home Mission Committee. Motion sustained to dissolve the committee.

Moderator calls for discussion on amount to be sent to State Association from this Mission Association.

Solo, "Satisfied With Jesus," beautifully rendered by Janice Smith.

Prayer, Rev. A. W. Brook.

Reports from the Sunday School League, Observance of Sabbath and Temperance Committees were received, discussed and accepted by the body.

Motion sustained that Rev. Emmitt Hutsell use a short time for devotional and personal testimony, also heard an inspiring testimony from Deacon Elmer Ellington.

Motion sustained for adjournment.

#### 11:00 Hour

Songs, 'When Our Lord Shall Come Again," When The Redeemed Are Gathering In."

Solo "I Need Thee Every Hour," Janice Smith.

Moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. Fred Wynn, who used II Kings 1:1-7 as scripture lesson, Text "And He cried and said, Alas Master! for it was borrowed."

Closing song, "Old Time Religion."

Prayer, Bro. Letsinger.

#### Friday Noon

Afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Janice Smith, "When All of God's Singers Get Home,"

Prayer by Rev. H. G. Barr.

Devotional led by Rev. V. H. Kastning.

Motion sustained that Bro. Kastning be properly seated to work in this session.

Motion sustained that the former pastor of Dutch Chapel church give an oral report since delegates from that church were not present with their church letter.

Motion sustained for clerk to correspond, expressing the fact

"we missed them in the association."

Requests for next association were read from Wolf Creek and New Rock Springs.

The association for 1958 was placed at the Wolf Creek church. Motion sustained to send \$50.00 to State Association.

Rev. Hershel Freeman, Brother Elmer Ellington, Sister Velma Elliott, Bro. Charley Franklin, Bro. James Cameron were elected delegates to state association.

#### ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR

Rev. O. T. Dixon	Moderator
Rev. John W. Silvey A	ssistant Moderator
Mrs. W. K. Elliott	Clerk-Treasurer
Rev. H. S. Vandivort	Statistician
Rev. John W. Silvey to bring associational m	nessage.
Rev. Charley Findley	Alternate
Rev. A. A. Hogue elected as member of exec	cutive board for a
period of 5 years.	

Letters were read from the First Quarterly meeting of Mission Association and the Harmony Association.

\$27.50 was received from Mission Quarterly Meeting.

\$20.00 was received from Harmony Association.

Report given by obituary committee.

Motion sustained to accept report.

A few moments spent in silent prayer followed by prayer by Rev. Homer Smith.

Motion sustained the clerk send former clerk letter expressing our gratitude for his splendid work.

Standing vote of thanks to moderator and all officers of association.

Standing vote of thanks to Lead Hill church for their hospitality.

Motion sustained to adjourn business session for 1957.

Moderator presented Rev. Charley Findley to bring the 2:30 message, he led the congregation in singing, "There Is A Fountain." Then used Ecc. 7:14 and Jno 17-17 as basis for message.

Song "Come Angel Band."

Prayer by Bro. John S. Hickman.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS 1957 ASSOCIATION

BUSINESS - Item No. 1:

Be it resolved that article 16 of the by-laws read as follows: These by-laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this association by a two-thirds vote of the association.

Committee: Deacon Charley Franklin

Deacon T. F. England Deacon John Hickman ITEM NO. 2:

Resolved that the Executive Board of Mission Association set up a standard for examining men for license and ordination, based upon the Fundamentals of Scripture and the belief and practices of the Free Will Baptist denomination, adhereing strictly to the requirements laid down in the treatise. The examining council shall be composed of 5 members of which at least 3 shall be ordained ministers, appointed by the Moderator and said examination by examining council be done in private.

Resolved that this Association provide treatise and each one granted a license shall be presented a treatise by Quarterly Meeting or Association and request to study same.

ITEM NO. 3:

Resolved that Article 15 of By-Laws to read as follows: Each ordained minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate. Each licensed minister, upon receiving a call for pastorial work or the administering of the Gospel ordinances shall upon request of the church of which he is a member, be examined for ordination.

Committee: Rev. John W. Silvey Deacon John S. Hickman Rev. A. W. Brook

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL - Item No. 2

We ,your committee on Sunday School recommend the use of all Free Will Baptist literature and the King James Version of the Bible, that all pastors, ministers, deacons and church leaders co-operate in the furtherance of all Sunday School and Daily Vacation Bible schools and that all teachers and officers be christians and have as much teacher training as possible.

Now is the time to instruct our children and teach them to take part in God's work also to take them to each service instead of sending them, encourage a desire to be present in each service.

Committee: Mrs. Chas. Chamberlain Mrs. Wilma Walls Rev. Lester Lawler

#### LEAGUE

We, your committee on League recommend that all pastors, deacons and other church workers should encourage and assist in every way in maintaining a league in every church, since, by observation we feel that the training our young people receive in the league prepares them for greater christian service. We also recommend that every church take an active part in quarterly rallies ,yearly convention and as many as possible attend our State League Convention.

#### Committee: Herbert Vandervort Bessie Hogue Verba Smith

TEMPERANCE:

We, your committee on temperance submit the following report: That we do all we can to discourage the sale and use of intoxicating beverages, that we protest the advertising of intoxicating beverages in newspapers that come into our homes, also that we be temperate in all things and abstain from all appearance of evil in our lives.

Committee: Deacon Raymond Smith

Rev. Emmitt Hutsell Rev. Lee Maxwell

#### OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH:

We, your committee on the observance of the Sabbath recommend that all christians remember the Christian Sabbath Day and keep it Holy by abstaining from all wordly amusements, by taking our family to church services. If it was necessary for Jesus to go to the place of worship and read and take part in it, it is more necessary for His children to do so today. Christians are the Light of the World and if we let our light shine the world will see it and they will glorify Him also.

> Committee: Rev. Floyd Roberts Clifford Moles Troy McCleary

#### **OBITUARY:**

We, your Obituary committee submit to the will of God, who through His wisdom has called from labor to reward, since our last association the following members:

Mountain Grove Church:

Rev. George W. Scott, Jr.; Warren Burris; Charley Royal.

Rock Chapel Church: Mrs. Leo Gregory.

Mtn. Valley Church: Ben Moore, Liza Long.

Pleasant Home No. 1: Wayne H. Bettick.

Hartville Church: Docia Whittaker; Faye Whittaker, Sallie Chandler.

Union Chapel Church: Nora Hutsell.

Pleasant Hill Church: Lark Young; Mead Hickman; Anna Draper; Lizzie Rippee; Lucille Hickman; Abe Parson; Viola Wood. Fairview No. 3 Church: Deacon Harry Lamere.

Mt. Pisgah Church: Elsie Hale.

Number One: Deacon Rolla Ballard.

Wolf Creek Church: Raymond Helsley.

Mt. Zion No. 2 Church: Mrs. Oma Carter.

Committee: Bertha Findley

A. M. Halford

#### Lulu Claxton ORDER OF BUSINESS

- 1. This Association shall open at 9:00 o'clock, Thursday before the Second Sunday in August.
- 2. Moderator calls Association together,
- 3. Registration of standing delegates.
- 4. Appointment of Credentials Committee.
- 5. Call for report of Credentials Committee.
- 6. Seating of delegates.
- 7. Invite all Christians to sit in council.
- 8. Call for corresponding letters and registration of visiting ministers.
- 9. Call for report of Executive Board.
- 10. Elect one member on Executive Baord.
- 11. Call for ministers written report.
- 12. Miscellaneous business.
- 13. Call for report of corresponding delegates.
- 14. Call for report of all committees.
- 15. Select place for next annual session.
- 16. Elect officers.
- 17. Adjourn with prayer.

#### **REGISTRANTS AT THE ASSOCIATION**

#### Name and Address Church O. T. Dixon, P. O. Box 464, Mtn. Grove, Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove Homer Smith, Rt. 3, Mtn. Grove, Mo. \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Valley Verba Smith, Herbert Vandivort, Cabool, Mo. E. E. Winfree, Seymour, Mo. Harmony Fred Wynn, Mtn. Grove, Mo. New Rock Springs Hershel Freeman, Bendavis, Mo. New Rock Springs Lone Star O. L. Claxton, Seymour, Mo. Lulu Claxton Floyd Roberts, Elk Creek, Mo. Mt. Pisgah Elsie Roberts A. A. Hogue, Cabool, Mo. Faith and Hope Bessie Hogue Emmitt Hutsell, Huggins, Mo. Number One Mrs. Emmitt Hutsell C. W. Chamberlain, Mansfield, Mo. New Prospect Kathleen Chamberlain John W. Silvey, Ava, Mo. Harmony Lee Maxwell, Bendavis, Mo. Number One Mtn. Grove Leonard Keys, Norwood, Mo. Bessie Keys L. P. Hylton, Springfield, Mo. Grant Avenue Mrs. L. P. Hylton

Lester Lawler, Hartville, Mo. **Pleasant Grove** Charley Findley, Hartville, Mo. Hartville Bertha Findley A. M. Halford, Hartville, Mo. J. J. Postlewait, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Number One Mrs. J. J. Postlewait Howard G. Barr, Rt. 2, Cabool, Mo. Mt. Pisgah Mary Wester, Marshfield, Mo. Liberty A. W. Brook, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mtn. Valley V. H. Kastning, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Methodest (Retired) Mrs. W. K. Elliott, Rt. 5, Box 10 Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mtn. Grove Oscar Yeager, Hartville, Mo. Mt. Zion, No. 2 Nola Yeager W. C. Klingensmith, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Union Chapel Chester Bennett, Mansfield, Mo. Wolf Creek Imogene Bennett J. W. Coffman, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Rt. 8 Rock Chapel Levi Jemes, Graff, Mo. Union Chapel **Daisy** Jemes Ray Shimel, Mansfield, Mo. Lead Hill Thelma Shimel John S. Hickman, Hartville, Mo. Pleasant Hill Martha Hickman T. F. England, Seymour, Mo. Fairview Lena England Charley Franklin, Mtn. Grove Mtn. Grove Wes Housley, Norwood, Mo. Rock Chapel Venice Long, Hartville, Mo. New Home Pauline Long Jesse Cameron, Seymour, Mo. Lone Star Mrs. Jesse Cameron Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo. Mt. Zion No. 2 Vernice McCleary Ray Hutsell, Graff, Mo. Union Chapel Charley Skinner, Norwood, Mo. Happy Ridge Grace Skinner Clifford Moles, Norwood, Mo. Happy Ridge Mrs. Clifford Moles Jess Young, Hartville, Mo. Pleasant Hill Ava Young Roy Sanders, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mtn. Valley **Gladys** Sanders H. V. Vierkant, Norwood, Mo. Union Grove Raymond Smith, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mtn. Valley Ruby Smith

Verda Stilley, Huggins, Mo. Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Boring, Seymour, Mo. Edd Burris, Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. Ethel Burris Judd Garder, Mansfield, Mo. J. M. Thurman, Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. Mrs. J. M. Thurman Johnnie Adamson, Mansfield, Mo. Bertha Adamson Docia Rippee, Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. Mabel Smith, Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. Ida Grimes, Hartville, Mo., Rt. 3 Ben Grimes, Hartville, Mo., Rt. 3 Alice Sanders, Mtn. Grove, Mo., Rt. 3 Bill Sanders, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Rt. 3 Edwin Freeman, Bendavis, Mo. John Lowery, Marshfield, Mo. Dwight Tate, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Hazel Elliott, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Mable Halliburton, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Hershel Halliburton, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Bennie Jemes, Graff, Mo. Myrtle Millsap, Mansfield, Mo. Eve Helsley, Mansfield, Mo. Jimmie Waggle, Graff, Mo. Finis Delcour, Hartville, Mo., Rt. 5 Laura Delcour, Hartville, Mo., Rt. 5 Otta Draper, Hartville, Mo. Viola Draper, Hartville, Mo. James A. Cameron, Mansfield, Mo., Rt. 3 James A. Cameron, Mansfield, Mo., Rt. 3 Fannie Foxworthy, Seymour, Mo. Reva Cameron, Mansfield, Mo. Mary Carder, Mansfield, Mo. Ivan Kelsay, Hartville, Mo. Grace Kelsey, Hartville, Mo. Clesta Butts, Huggins, Mo. Blanche Hutsell, Huggins, Mo. Helen Raney, Mansfield, Mo. Homer Raney, Mansfield, Mo. Artha Hutsell, Mtn. Grove, Mo. Gillie Reeves, Cabool, Mo. Kathleen Chamberlain, Mansfield, Mo. Delphia Young, Norwood, Mo. Troy McCleary, Hartville, Mo. Ruth Hickman, Hartville, Mo.

Dutch Chapel Harmony Fair View Lead Hill New Prospect Hartville New Prospect Fair View Rock Chapel Rock Chapel Mtn. Valley Mtn. Valley New Rock Springs Old Liberty New Rock Springs Mtn. Grove Mtn. Grove Mtn. Grove Union Chapel Wolf Creek Wolf Creek Union Chapel New Home New Home Pleasant Hill Pleasant Hill Harmony Lead Hill Lone Star Lead Hill Lead Hill Mt. Zion No. 2 Mt. Zion No. 2 Number One Number One Happy Ridge Happy Ridge Mtn. Grove Faith and Hope New Prospect Rock Chapel Mt. Zion No. 2 Pleasant Hill

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Emma Peterson, Mansfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Carla Marie Odom, Cabool, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah
Virginia Anderson, Ava, Mo., Rt. 5	Fairview
Agnes DeArmond, Seymour, M o.	Lone Star
Grace Blevins, Seymour, Mo.	Harmony
Ralph Cdom, Cabool, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah
Earnest Anderson, Ava, Mo., Rt. 5	Fairview
Hosea Blevins, Seymour, Mo.	Harmony

#### DEACONS OF ASSOCIATION Lone Star Church

#### Name and Address Church 1. Walter Duckworth \_\_\_\_\_ Seymour, Mo. 2. John Cameron Seymour, Mo. 3. Scott Kasterke Seymour, Mo. 4. Phillip Hosiner \_\_\_\_\_ Seymour, Mo. Lead Hill Church 1. Mose Ipock Mansfield, Mo. 2. Judd Carder Mansfield, Mo. 3. Ray Shimel Mansfield, Mo. 4. Marve Goss Mansfield, Mo. Faith and Hope 1. J. H. Wagner \_\_\_\_\_ Cabool, Mo. 2. Eusta Reeves \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Cabool, Mo. 3. Luther Cooper \_\_\_\_\_ Cabool, Mo. **Union Church** 1. Harold Price \_\_\_\_\_ Success, Mo. 2. Roy K. Huff \_\_\_\_\_ Success, Mo. Happy Ridge No. 1 1. Chas Skinner Norwood, Mo. 2. Clifford Moles \_\_\_\_\_ Norwood, Mo. 3. Marshall Simons \_\_\_\_\_ Norwood, Mo.

#### **CLERKS OF ASSOCIATION**

Name and Address Church
1. Artha Hutsell — Mtn. Grove, Mo Mtn. Grove
2. Daisy Morton — Hartville, Mo Hartville
3. Marjorie Gardner — Seymour, Mo Liberty
4. Kathleen Chamberlain - Mansfield, Mo New Prospect
5. June Freeman — Manes, Mo New Rock Springs
6. Florine Silvey — Seymour, Mo Harmony
7. Clobel Deeds — Mtn. Grove, Mo Mtn. Valley
8. Mary Bittick — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 3 Pleasant Home No. 1
9. Pearl Reed — Huggins, Mo Number One
10. Dorothy Milsap - Mansfield, Mo Wolf Creek
11. Delphia Young - Norwood, Mo. Rock Chapel

12. Ruth Hickman — Hartville, Mo.	Pleasant Valley
13. Mabel Smith, Ava, Mo., Rt. 5	Fairview No. 3
14. Loyd Walls - Cabool, Mo., Rt. 2	Mt. Pisgah
15. Elizabeth Kempt - Norwood, Mo	Union Grove
16. Troy McCleary — Hartville, Mo.	Mt. Zion No. 2
17. Florence Maxwell - Graff, Mo.	Union Chapel
18. Addie Long — Hartville, Mo.	New Home
19. Mary Alice Hosiner — Seymour, Mo.	Lone Star
20. Emma Peterson — Mansfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
21. Gillie Reeves — Cabool, Mo., Rt. 1	Faith and Hope
22. Nolan Neal — Success, Mo.	Union
23. Pansy Skinner — Norwood, Mo.	Happy Ridge No. 1

### ELECTED DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

Name and Address	Church
1. H. C. Halliburton	Mtn. Grove
2. Oneda Smith	Mtn. Grove
3. John Lowry	Liberty
4. Tommy Snow	Liberty
5. Jake Ivy	Hartville
6. Eula Ivy	
7. Mack Thurman	New Prospect
8. Cleo Thurman	New Prospect
9. Edwin Freeman	New Rock Springs
10. Dwight Tate	
11. Hosea Blevens	
12. Grace Blevens	
13. William Sanders	
14. Alice Sanders	
15. Hardin Dooms	
	Plansont Homa No. 1
16. Fern Dooms	
16. Fern Dooms      17. Blanche Hutsell	
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33. Benny Jemes Union Chapel
34. Jimmy Waggle Union Chapel
35. Finis Delcour New Home
36. Laura Delcour New Home
37. Agnes DeArmond Lone Star
38. Fannie Foxworthy Lone Star
39. Mary Corder Lead Hill
40. James Cameron Lead Hill
41. Reva Cameron Lead Hill
42. Fern Kiser Union
43. Opal Huff Union
44. Homer Raney
45. Mrs. Homer Raney Happy Ridge No. 1

### MINISTERS OF ASSOCIATION

## Name and Address

## Church

Rev. Homer Smith - Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
Rev. Leonard Keys - Norwood, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
Rev. George Scott, Jr Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Grove
Rev. O. T. Dixon - Box 464, Mtn. Grove, Mo	. Mtn. Grove
Rev. Harold Helsey - Mansfield, Mo.	Hartville
Rev. Marion Allsman — Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
Rev. Charley Findley — Hartville, Mo.	Hartville
Rev. Mary Wester - Marshfield, Mo.	Liberty
Rev. O. L. Claxton - Seymour, Mo.	Liberty
Rev. Chas Chamberlain - Mansfield, Mo.	New Prospect
Rev. Earnest Light — Cabool, Mo.	New Rock Springs
Rev. Hershel Freeman — Manes, Mo.	New Rock Springs
Rev. Austin Robertson — Texas	New Rock Springs
Rev. E. E. Winfree - Seymour, Mo.	Harmony
Rev. J. W. Silvey — Ava, M o.	Harmony
Rev. Harry Johns — Springfield, Mo.	Harmony
Rev. Walter Cardwell — Newburg, Oregon	Harmony
Rev. Willis Brown	Harmony
Rev. Albert Brook - Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Mtn. Valley
Rev. Virgil Mathis — 420 Front St., Mtn. Grove	, Mo. Mtn., Valley
Rev. Jeff Postlewait - Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Lee Maxwell — Bendavis, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Willie Atherton - Huggins, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Raymond Smith	Number One
Rev. Ezra Butts — Cabool, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Emmitt Hutsell — Huggins, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Carl Postlewait — Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Number One
Rev. Gene Postlewait — Oregon	Number One
Rev. Everett Buchanan — Tulsa, Okla.	Fairview No. 3
Rev. H. G. Barr - Cabool, Mo.	

Rev. Floyd Roberts - Elk Creek, Mo.	Mt. Pisgah
Rev. Clifford Klingensmith — Bendavis, Mo.	Union Chapel
Rev. G. E. Hutsell - Mtn. Grove, Mo.	Union Chapel
Rev. Clella Duckworth — Seymour, Mo.	Lone Star
Rev. Benny Watson — Springfield, Mo.	Lead Hill
Rev. Archie Hogue — Cabool, Mo.	Faith and Hope
Rev. Otho Means — Cabool, Mo.	Faith and Hope
Rev. Leonard Means - Cabool, Mo.	Faith and Hope

#### DEACONS OF ASSOCIATION Mountain Grove Church

#### Name and Address Church 1. Ray Hutsell Mtn. Grove, Mo. 2. Riley Hutsell \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. 3. Elmer Ellington Mtn. Grove, Mo. 4. Edd Shannon \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove Mo. 5. Will Elliott \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 5 Box 10, Mtn. Grove, MJ. 6. Charley Franklin Mtn. Grove, Mo. 7. Elzie Edwards Mtn. Grove, Mo. 8. Fred Shannon \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. Hartville Church 1. Tom Wynn ------ Hartville, Mo. 2. Morie Gregory \_\_\_\_\_ Hartville, Mo. 3. Will Long \_\_\_\_\_ Hartville, Mo. 4. John Adamson \_\_\_\_\_ Mansfield, Mo. **Liberty Church** 1. Luther McAnolly Seymour, Mo. 2. Earnest Cantrell \_\_\_\_\_ Seymour, Mo. 3. Will Wester \_\_\_\_\_ Mansfield, Mo. 4. Albert Carpenter \_\_\_\_\_ Butler, Mo. **New Prospect Church** 1. Jack Chamberlain Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. 2. Mack Thurman Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. 3. Otto McCoy \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 5, Ava, Mo. **New Rock Springs Church** 1. Noble Wyrick \_\_\_\_\_ Graff, Mo. 2. Edgar Pembrook \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. 3. E. H. Freeman \_\_\_\_\_ Bendavis, Mo. Harmony Church 1. Sanford Boring \_\_\_\_\_ Seymour, Mo. Mtn. Valley Church 1. Raymond Smith \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. 2. W. D. Robinson \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. 3. Clark Deeds \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. 4. Roy Sanders \_\_\_\_\_ Mtn. Grove, Mo. Pleasant Home No. 1 1. W. F. Penner \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 5, Box 10, Mtn. Grove, Mo. 2. Noel Elliott Vanzant, Mo.

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1.	John Baker		Huggins,	Mo.
3.			Huggins,	Mo.
		Wolf Creek Church		
3.	Chester Bennett		Mansfield,	Mo.
		<b>Rock Chapel Church</b>		
1.	Jim Coffman		Mtn. Grove,	Mo.
5.			Hartville,	Mo.
		Pleasant Hill Church		
1.	John Hickman		Hartville,	Mo.
3.				Mo.
		Fairview No. 3 Church		
1.	Edd Burris		Ava,	Mo.
2.	Clarence Keeton		Ava,	Mo.
3.	Joe Smith		Ava,	Mo.
5.	Cecil Buchanan -		Ava,	Mo.
		Mt. Pisgah Church		
1.	James Odom		Rt. 1, Cabool,	Mo.
2.	Luther Curry		Rt. 2, Cabool,	Mo.
3.	Floyd Walls		Rt. 2, Cabool,	Mo.
		<b>Union Grove Church</b>		
1.	Wiliam F. Kempt		Norwood,	Mo.
2.	Harry Vierkant		Norwood,	Mo.
	M	It. Zion No. 2 Church		
í.	Oscar Yeager		Hartville,	Mo.
2.	Troy McCleary		Hartville,	Mo.
3.	Not named in lette	er		
	1	Union Chapel Church		
1.	Ray Hutsell		Graff,	Mo.
2.	Hobart Crewse		Graff,	Mo.
3.	Levi Jemes		Graff,	Mo.
4.	Walter Klingensmi	th	Mtn. Grove,	Mo.
5.	Warren Hutsell		Houston,	Mo.
		New Home Church		
1.	Claude Lawler			
2.	Woodrow Lawler			
3.	Vencie Long			
4.	R. E. Kenchelo			

5. Burl Austin

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Balance brought forward	\$ 16.48
Received from churches	105.23
Received from Quarterly Meetings	47.50
Total	\$169.21

### **EXPENDITURES**

Sent to State Association (entertainment) \$50.00 voted from fund Mission Assoc. \$10.00 from Union Church (earmarked for	\$	60.00
State Assoc.)		
Postage		.37
To John D. Hickman for reimbursement		5.00
For printing of Minutes		75.00
To Clerk		20.00
Total	\$1	60.37

## MINISTERS REPORT

	Funerals	Revivals	<b>Churches Pastored</b>	Sermons	Received into Church	Professions	Baptized	Miles Traveled	Money Received
M. F. Allsman	1	2	3	100		3	6	6,566	825.71
H. G. Barr	1	1		2	1				
Ezra Butts	3	1	1	92	7	7	3		1,309.94
O. L. Claxton				15	1			315	
Chas. Chamberlain		2		125		1	1	5,676	
O. T. Dixon	17	7	1	·	52	*	37	22,000	
Clella Duckworth	1000	!		20		2	1	80	10.00
C. D. Findley		5		142	4	8	1	-,1	
A. M. Halford	S 21		•	244	5	1		5,031	
A. A. Hogue	2	2		64		10	1	1,370	
Lester Lawler	9	4		113		5	3	and the second sec	
Lee Maxwell	1		1	107				4,196	807.00
Carl Postlewaite	1	5	1			12	1	12,280	
Floyd Roberts	8 A	2	1	1				950	325.00
John W. Silvey				25	A	1			
Homer Smith	di - 1	·	8 m.	105		S	5 C	in the second second	874.40
H. S. Vandivort	5	1	1		5	3	<u>.</u>	3096	447.50
Mary Wester	2		1	100		1		480	150.00

STATISTICAL REPORT OF UNION ASSOCIATION	Mtn. Grove	Pleasant Hill	Hart- ville	Union Chapel	Pleasant Grove	New Rock Springs	Wolf Creek	Number One
Resident Members	259	85	63	31		31	63	65
Non-Resident Members	54	29	15	10		28	4	30
Total Membership	313	114	78	41		59	67	95
Members Received	52	0	6	5		7		1
Number Baptized	37	0	1	0!		3	1	4
Number dismissed by letter	8	3	0	1		1	1	-
Number Deceased	3	7	3	1		1 1	1	1
Tithers	Yes	1		-		1	-	-
Prayer Meetings	Yes	1	1	1		Yes		Yes
Leagues	Yes	Ì	1					Yes
League Membership	105	1				1 1		35
Sunday Schools	Yes	Yes	1	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Attendance	215	10	50	25		42		40
Officers and Teachers	14	3	1	4		6	1	5
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	Í	3	2		3	1	8
No. of Licensed Ministers	)		1			1 1	Í	
No. of Ordained Deacons	8	3	4	5		3	3	3
Amount Paid Pastors	\$ 4530.00	\$ 426.68	\$ 480.00	1		\$ 1300.00	\$ 1200.00	\$ 360.00
Amount of Evangelistic Work	175.00	32.56	237.00	1		200.00	45.00	100.00
Auxiliary Membership	38		1			1	1	1
Amount for Bldg. & Repair	1154.63	1	1	1		211.54	i	44.12
Amount for Incidentals		36.50	107.77	1		\$85.00	20.00	71.49
Value of Church Property	1	1000.00		1500.00		5000.00	5000.00	2000.00
Amount for Foreign Missions	1	1	47.76				35.00	
Amount for Education	459.83	11	1			1	1	26.60
Amount for Publications		14.58	1	14.00		46.00	1	31.49
Co-operative Fund	902.49	1		8.00		1	1	
Amount for Minutes	20.00	2.75	3 00	\$2.00		5.00	\$5.00	2.50
TOTAL INCOME			1	1			1	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	10,863.23	]	1	1			1	1
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF	New	Fairview		MIt. Zion		Hpy. Rdg.	Faith and	Rock
UNION ASSOCIATION	Home	No. 3	Union	No. 2	Pisgah	No. 1	Hope	Chapel
Resident Members	1 55'	31	40	46	471	19	35	85
Non-Resident Members	10	9	10	11	38	4	39	39
Total Membership		40	50	57	85	23	74	124
Members Received	0	9	3	1	7	0	.0	1
Number Baptized	0	7	1	1	4	0	0	1
Number Dismissed by Letter	0	1	3	1	1	0	2	3
Number Deceased	0	1	1	1	1	0		1
Number Tithes	1		1					
Prayer Meetings	0	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			Yes
Leagues			Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes
League Membership	28		1	1	40		25	30
Sunday Schools	I Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Average Attendance	50	40	40	1	50	20	35	45
Officers and Teachers	7	9	6		3	2	7	3
No. of Ordained Ministers	0	1	1	i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i i	2		2	
No. of Licensed Ministers	0		1				1	
No. of Ordained Deacons	5	5	2	31	3	3	3	5
Amount Paid Pastors	\$ 251.50		\$ 1398.19	\$ 179.00	\$1,348.53	\$317.95	\$855.00	\$540.00
Amt. for Evangelistic Work			100.00	42.00	\$139.00		\$130.00	\$27.65
Auxiliary Membership	108.00			1				20
Amount for Bldg. & Repair	2298.41		1500.00		\$34.77			
Amount for Incidentals	1		50.00		\$143.20	\$30.00	\$60.00	
Value of Church Property	\$5000.00				\$3,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00
Amount for Foreign Missions								\$237.36
Amount for Education								A100 0F
Amount for Publications			47.00		\$92.00	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$103.87
Co-operative Fund				0.001	\$24.90	<b>\$3.00</b>	\$36.20	<b>#=</b> 00
Amount for Minutes	3.00		5.00	2.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$2.00	\$5.00
TOTAL INCOME								
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			20			]		
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STATISTICAL REPORT OF UNION ASSOCIATION	Mtn. Valley	Plsnt Hme No. 1	Lead Hill	Har- mony	Lone Star	Liberty	New Prospect	Union Grove
Resident Members	61	23	27	1	24	40	21	3
Non-Resident Members	36	20	14		16	21	2	18
Total Membership	97	43	41	66	41	61	23	0
Members Received	2	1	0	1	2	1		0
Number Baptized	3		0		0	1		0
Number Dismissed by Letter	1			1	2	_		
Number Deceased	3	1						
Number Tithes	Yes							
Prayer Meetings	Yes				Yes			
Leagues	Yes				0			
League Membership	25	-						Yes
Sunday Schools	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		30
Average Attendance	50	44	25	15	45	40		5
Officers and Teachers	3	14	5	7	9	2		0
Ordained Ministers	2		1	5	1	2	1	
Licensed Ministers								2
Ordained Deacons	4	2	4	1	4	4	3	\$240.20
Amount Paid Pastors	\$600.00	\$111.56	\$124.58	\$180.00	\$520.00	\$407.80	\$30.00	\$95.00
Amt. for Evangelistic Work	\$125.00	\$206.05	\$43.47			\$92.76		
Auxiliary Membership						None		
Amount for Bldg. & Repair	\$159.50	\$97.37			\$148.59	\$40.00		\$75.00
Amount for Incidentals	\$96.00	\$34.30		\$37.09	\$50.00	\$109.91		
Value of Church Property	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$3,000.00	
Amount for Foreign Missions	\$25.00					\$10.49		
Amount for Education							-	\$35.00
Amount for Publications		\$104.36	\$132.00	\$32.24		\$37.05		\$2.00
Co-operative Fund		\$36.19		<b>*2 • •</b>	<b>*=</b> 00			
Amount for Minutes	40.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$2.00	\$5.00	\$1.00	\$1.00	
TOTAL INCOME	\$3.00			_	-			
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			01	1		ļ		15
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#### CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE: From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate curselves with other Free Will Baptist bodies, have come together and organized into an Association.

1. This association shall be called Mission Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such well regiulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as many may embody themselves under this constitution.

2. It shall be the purpose of this organization to co-operate with the Missouri State and National Associations in their efforts to combine and direct the energies of the Free Will Baptist Church, for the promotion of Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education, Sunday School Free Will Baptist League, and Ladies Auxiliary, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God in general.

3. The acting members of this association shall be two delegates from each church, chosen by the members while in conference, together with all ministers, minister's wives, deacons, deacon's wives and church and associational clerks belonging to any church composing this body; also three members from each Quarterly Meeting under the Association, two to be chosen by each Quarterly Meeting, and the other shall be the clerk of the Quarterly meeting.

4. The officers of this association shall consist of a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer, (who shall superintend the printing of the minutes) each of whom shall be elected at the closing of each regular session and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. The Clerk shall receive Twenty (\$20.00) for his or her services.

5. An Executive Board composed of five members, consisting of three ministers and two deacons, whose duty shall be to transact the business of this association when this Body is not in session, whose term of office shall be as follows: one for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years and at the expiration of each of these terms one shall be elected for a term of 5 years, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, further: if any vacancies occurr between sessions of this Association the Board shall fill such vacancies until the next session of this Association.

6. Any regularly organized Free Will Baptist Church or Quarterly Meeting, maintaining Gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine, in favor of benevolent enterprises, such as Sunday Schools, Missions, Temperance and Education, may be received into this association by presenting a petition asking to be received, and by a majority vote of this Association.

7. This Association shall have power to discipline its churches,

exclude them for disorderly conduct, if labor proves unsuccessful, ordain deacons, to license or ordain ministers, such as given evidence of being qualified and called of God, by request of the church to which members belong; to settle questions of discipline and doctrine as the Churches or Quarterly Meetings may refer to it; to make any rules and by-laws necessary to its regulations and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision of one of its churches or Quarterly Meetings, nor in anyway interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any eccelesiastical authority over the Churches or Quarterly Meetings composing the Association.

8. Each session of this Association shall convene annually beginning on Thursday at 9:00 A.M. before the 2nd Sunday in August and adjourn at 4:00 P.M. on Friday, and shall be held with only such churches as call for it by vote of the church while in conference, and this shall be decided by a majority of all votes cast.

9. The Moderator or Assistant Moderator shall call the Association in session, and in their absence the chairman of the Executive Board shall take charge, and in his absence any member of the Executive Board shall take charge until a Moderator is elected.

10. This Constitution may be amended or changed at any regular session of this body, by a two-thirds vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to time the vote was taken.

#### **BY-LAWS**

1. All business meetings shall be opened by singing, reading a portion of God's word and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Seven members from three or more churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

3. Any ruling of the Moderator may be over-ruled by a majority vote of the members present.

4. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other-religious bodies.

5. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into committee as a whole.

6. Any member of this body may appeal from the decision of the Moderator to the Association and by a majority vote therein, the objection shall be sustained or rejected.

7. The Moderator shall stop all discussion when not carried on in a Christian spirit.

8. No member of this Association will be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor more than twice on the same subject without permission of the Moderator.

9. Anyone desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address

the Moderator by the appelation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.

10. All business, except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse or fail to present to this body any business given to it by any member of this Association, then such business may be presented to the body by any members but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of this body.

11. All officers of this Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a vote.

12. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a majority vote of this body.

13. A majority of all votes cast shall be final upon all subjects except the Constitution and By-Laws, then it shall require a two-thirds majority.

14. Churches of the Mission Association shall not call a pastor who does not have a yearly certificate.

15. Each ordained minister in good standing shall be given a yearly certificate. Each licensed minister, upon receiving a call for pastoral work or the administering of the Gospel ordinances shall upon request from the church of which he is a member, be examined for ordination.

16. These By-Laws may be amended or changed at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the Association.

#### **ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

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

3. Christ. Christ is God Manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

5. The Sinfulness of Man. Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering; death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith and souls is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the domination of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

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

10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and selfcontrolled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.

11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the waters of life freely.

12. Perseverance. All believers in Christ, who through grace perseverance 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 ministered to all true believers.

14. Tithing. God commanded tithes and offering in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ indorsed it in the Gospel. Matt. 23-23 and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2.)

15. 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.

16. Resurrection, Judgment 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." Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in his 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 obligation in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinance 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 anothers happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able to 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 in 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, the 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.



