MINUTES

OF

Twenty-Second Annual Session

OF

Mission Association

OF

Free Will Baptists

-1970-

HELD WITH THE

Grant Avenue Church



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—— OF —— TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION —— OF —— MISSION ASSOCIATION ____ OF ____ FREE WILL BAPTISTS HELD WITH THE GRANT AVENUE CHURCH BEGINNING ON THURSDAY MORNING, AUGUST 6, 1970 () () ()**OFFICERS** Rev. Homer Smith Assistant Moderator Rev. George Bryant _____ Clerk-Treasurer () : () () EXECUTIVE BOARD Deacon Charley Franklin _______1971 Rev. Ezra Butts 1973

Deacon Bob Grissom ______ 1975

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY, 9:00 A. M.

The Mission Association met in the Twenty-Second Annual Session at the Grant Avenue Church on August 6, 1970. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Eddie Alt's.

Congregational singing directed by Rev. Bud Hill, with Sis. Carol Mowry at the piano. "Heavenly Sunlight."

Prayer by Rev. Glen Murray.

Congregational singing, "Joy Unspeakable," and "When We All Get to Heaven."

Devotional by Rev. Eddie Altis. Scripture Romans 8:35, 39. Prayer by Rev. Eddie Altis.

The following committees were appointed:

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE: Charley Franklin, Rev. Carl Postlewait, Rev. Bud Hill.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: Rev. Everett Hopkins, Sis. Ruth Hickman, Rev. Gene McCully.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Bill Adkisson, Bro. Austa Reeves.

Rev. George Bryant read Constitution and By-Laws.

The following visiting ministers were recognized: Rev. Bill Eaden, Liberty Association; Rev. Andy Lay, Kirksville; Rev. Eldon Tate, Union.

Call for Church Letters.

Letters read from other religious bodies. Little Vine Association of General Baptists, and Missouri Association of General Baptists.

Motion made and seconded to receive letters and seat delegates. Motion carried.

Call for other business.

Congregational song directed by Rev. Andy Lay. Sis. Carol Mowry at piano. "I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Rev. George Bryant, clerk explained new report forms.

Prayer by Bro. Philip Fry.

Recess.

Congregational singing led by Bro. David Randlett. Pianist Janie Sitton. "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer by Rev. Ezra Butts.

Congregational song "Ring the Bells of Heaven."

Report of Committee on Committees was given. Motion made and seconded that report stand approved as read. Motion carried Special song by Gleaners Trio.

Rev. Gene McCulley brought morning message. Scripture Eccl. 12:1-13,14.

Gleaners Trio sang invitation.

Benediction and blessing on noon meal by Rev. Luther Gibson.

Dinner.

Congregational singing led by Bro. David Randlett. Pianist Janie Sitton. "Glory To His Name."

Prayer by Bro. Charlie Franklin.

Congregational song, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder." Special singing by Gleaners Trio.

Bro. David Randlett gave report on Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Devotion by Rev. Fred Wood. Scripture reading Psalms 116: 1,6.

Prayer by Rev. Everett Hopkins.

Clerk gave a statistics report on the Mission Association.

Pulpit Committee report was read.

C.T.S. report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Credentials committee report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept report and seat delegates. Motion carried.

Clerk read report from quarterly meetings. Motion made and seconded to accept reports. Motion carried.

Obituary Committee report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept with amendments to be made if needed. Motion carried.

A moment of silent prayer was given followed by Rev. Bud Hill leading in prayer.

Moderator introduced Rev. Andy Lay who gave a report on Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Prayer by Rev. Eldon Tate.

Recess.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bud Hill. Sis. Deloris Phelps pianist. "There's Within My Heart a Melody."

Prayer by Rev. Lester Lemons.

Congregational song "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Special song "Redeemed" by quartet. Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Eddie Altis, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. George Bryant.

Rev. Andy Lay brought message of afternoon. Scripture John 13:1-7.

Motion made and seconded C. T. S. Committee have 5 members. One for 1 year, one for 2 years, one for 3 years, one for 4 years, and one for 5 years, with one to be elected each year for 5 years. Discussion was made from floor. Question called. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded committee now serving be elected to new board.

Amendment that Eddie Altis be for 1 year, Bud Hill for 2 years, and Johnny Adkisson be for three years. Motion carried.

Nomination opened for committee. Rev. Gene McCulley for 4 years, Stanley Neher for 5 years.

Motion made and seconded nomination cease, and to proceed

to elect. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn. Motion carried.

Dismissed by prayer by Bro. Bill Eaden.

THURSDAY, 7:45 P. M.

Services called to order by Moderator Rev. Eddie Altis.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Hurse Smith. S.s. Collins at piano. Sis. Letha Franklin at organ, "Are You Washed in the Blood."

Prayer by Rev. Seth Draper.

Congregational song, "At The Cross."

Special song by Mrs. Brawley.

Congregational song "My Jesus I Love Thee."

Special song "Victory in Jesus" by quartet. Bro. Hurse Smith, Sis. Albia Smith, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. George Bryant.

Congregational song "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood." Special song by David Letterman.

Rev. Bill Eaden brought the evening message. Scripture Matt. 26:58.

Dismissd in prayer by Bro. Lee Evans.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

Meeting called to order by moderator Rev. Eddie Altis.

Congregational singing led by Rev. George Bryant, Rev. Jim McCalister at Piano. "Jesus Is the Sweetest Name I Know" and "All Hail the Power."

Prayer by Rev. O. T. Allread.

Devotional by Charles Horton. Scripture John 3:16-17. Prayer by Charles Horton.

Congregational song "I Would Not Be Denied."

Report of Sunday School Committee read. Motion made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Temperance Committee report was read. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion carried.

Committee on Observance of Sabbath report was read. Moiton made and seconded to accept report as read. Motion carried. Executive board report was given.

Nomination for Executive Board member was opened.

Bro. Bob Grissom was nominated. Motion made and seconded nomination cease and we proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Nomination for state delegates opened.

Motion made and seconded that moderator fill vacancies at state meeting. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that corresponding letter be sent to Little Vine Association and Missouri Association of General Baptists.

Motion made and seconded that clerk go as delegate to these

Associations. Motion carried.

Financial statement was read. Motion made and seconded

to accept report as read. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Present Youth Camp Board continue to serve until cabin is completed. Motion carried.

Rev. Bill Adkisson asked to be released from youth camp board.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Bill Adkisson be released from board. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that \$50 dollars be sent to state Association. Motion carried.

Ordaining counsel was appointed to examine Rev. Charles Horton for ordination. Deacon Charlie Franklin, Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Gene McCulley and Rev. Bill Adkisson was appointed.

Motion made and seconded to appoint a committee to select place for next association to be held.

Amendment that Executive Committee be in charge of placing Association. Motion carried.

Nomination opened for Moderator.

Motion made and seconded that present moderator be retained. Motion carried,

Nomination opened for Assistant Moderator.

Rev. R. E. Helsley and Rev. Gene McCulley were nominated. Motion made and seconded that nomination cease and we proceed to elect. Motion carried.

Rev. R. E. Helsley elected as Assistant Moderator.

Nomination opened for minister to speak in opening service next year.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. Gene McCulley be elected. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that Rev. George Bryant be retained as clerk. Motion carried.

Dismissed from morning business session by Rev. Bill Ankission.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Bud Hill, Rev. Jim Mc-Calister pianist "Blessed Assurance."

Prayer by Bro. Marlin.

Congregational song "Jesus Saves."

Special song by quartet: Rev. Luther Gibson, Rev. Eddie Altis, Rev. Bud Hill and Rev. George Bryant.

Message by Rev. Luther Gibson.

Scripture Colossians 3:1-11.

Prayer and blessing on noon meal by Rev. Bud Hill.

Dinner.

Congregational song led by Rev. Bud Hill, pianist, Sis. Dorothy Brawley. "Glory to His Name."

Prayer by Bro. Bruce Presley.

Congregational song "Power In The Blood."

Devotional by Rev. Eddie Altis.

Motion made and seconded that obituary report be amended to read as written in minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that a form be compiled for placing names of deceased and Deacons, licensed and ordained Ministers, and be sent to each church. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded that a committee be appointed by the Moderator with Moderator on Committee to examine By-Laws and make recommendations to next Association. Motion carried.

Committee was appointed: Rev. Homer Smith, Deacon Charlie Franklin, Rev. Gene McCulley, Rev. Bill Adkission, and Rev. Eddie Altis.

Call for final business.

Special music by Mary Fortney.

Rev. Russel Stout brought message of afternoon. Scripture John 14:15.

Invitation song "His Way With Thee."

Rev. Luther Gibson gave oral report on youth camp.

Rev. Luther Gibson took charge of ordination service for Rev. Charles Horton.

Ordination prayer by Rev. Bud Hill.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried.

The twenty-second session of this Association closed with prayer by Rev. Gene McCulley.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance in Treasury August 1, 1969	\$	9 92
Offering at 1969 Association		
Received from Quarterly meetings for		011.00
church letter forms		20 35
Received from Churches on Youth Camp Cabin		
Received from Charenes on Touch Camp Cabin	1	,101.20
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1	.811.83
Expenditures:		,
State Association	\$	50.00
Clerk Fee		
Mtn. Grove Journal (minutes, programs,	-	10.00
ministerial certificates		135.42
Mo. F.W.B. Book Store (report forms)		20.00
National Assoc. S. S. Dept. (Treatise)		4.62
		9.23
Landers & Barker Lumber Co. (69 cabin)		
L. L. Day Lumber and Hardware Co. (69 cabin)		22.44
YOUTH CAMP:		
Hamilton and Sons (back hoe work) 25.00		
William Reeves (Labor) 25.00		
Burney Ready Mix Concrete Co 171.50		
Trappist Concrete (Blocks) 163.63		
Mo. F. W. B. Youth Camp (Blocks) 18.53		
Hylton's Hardware 5.83		

Johnnie Baker (dirt moving)	5.00
Meek Lumber Co. (paneling)	34.48
L. L. Day Lumber and Hardware Co	851.38
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Total for Youth Camp	\$1,300.35
Postage	7.41
Supplies	1.74
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1,591.21
BALANCE IN TREASURY AUGUST 5, 1970	220.62
SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT:	In keeping with
Proverbs 22:6 "Train up a child in the way	
when he is old he will not depart from it," we	would recommend
the following:	

- 1. That all churches use our Free Will Baptist Sunday School literature, published by our own Sunday School Department of Nashville, Tenn.
- 2. That our primary study should be from the King James Version of the Bible.
- 3. That as far as possible, that all officers and teachers must be a Christian and should be member of their church.
- 4. That all Churches make an attempt to conduct a Sunday School Teachers Training Course.
- 5. That we urge each Sunday School to have a visitation program.
- 6. That we urge every adult and parent to take his child to Sunday School.

SIGNED: Bruce Presley
Elmer Davis
Carol Mowery
Lester Lemons

OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH COMMITTEE: We your Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath refer you to Exodus 20:8 "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it Holy." We as Christians believe in observing the first day of the week as our Sabbath.

We recommend that we encourage our people engaged in businesses to keep them closed on Sunday, and that we follow the example of our Lord Jesus Christ as it was his custom to go to the House of Worship on the Sabbath Day. "Hold fast that which is good. Abstain from all appearance of evil." Thes. 5:21-22.

SIGNED: Silas Haynes

Rev. Russell Stout Mrs. Carl Postlewaite Bob Keith

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE REPORT: We your committee on temperance recommend the following. Christians should be temperate in all things not just alcoholic beverages. We are

all the light sinners have and we should keep ourselves unspotted from the world by staying away from worldly amusements and living so close to the Lord that sinners will know we are serving a true and living God. Be ready at all times to witness for the Lord.

SIGNED: Rev. Ezra Butts Marie Helsley Mrs. Bill Adkins Iva Curtis

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE COMMITTEE REPORT: We the C. T. S. Committee realize the importance of a training program for all ages, urge each Church to actively engage in weekly C. T. S. programs. We encourage parents and pastors to assume their responsibility in encouraging our young people to participate in all activities.

We, the C. T. S. Committee recommend that the C. T. S. Board consist of six members instead of three. Three women and three men. We also recommend that the members of the board be elected two for one year. Two for two years, and two for three years. At the expiration of each of these terms, they will be elected for three years.

We commend our young people for their participation in the work this last year. We resolve that we give a standing vote of appreciation for the work of Brother Eddie Altis, Bud Hill and John Atkisson.

SIGNED: Philip Fry
Maxine Hagan
Stan Neher
Mrs. Elmer Walls

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT: We, the committee on Obituary, submit the following: Whereas it has pleased our Heavenly Father to call from labor to their reward the following since our last Association: Sis. Fern Kiser, Union; Bro. Scott Edwards Hartville; Rev. Otho Means, Faith and Hope; Deacon Edgar Pembrook, New Rock Springs; Sis. Martha Hickman, Sis. Janice Buck and Sis. Katie Adamson, Pleasant Hill; Rev. Warren Mitchell and Bro. Hosea Blevins, Harmony; Sis. Addie Mustang, Sis. Donna Aubury, Sis. Genevive Hefner and Sis. Bertie Crisp, Grant Ave.; Sis. Mildred Griffin, Sis. Lena Melton and Sis. Alice Wheatley, Mtn. Grove. Let us stand in a moment of silent prayer in reverance to them and on behalf of their loved ones.

SIGNED: Pauline Adams
Patty Davis
Brenda Coble
Lizzie Coble

CHURCH OFFICIALS PRESENT AT ASSOCIATION

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Lone Star

MINISTERS WIVES

Elizabeth Gibson Virginia Postlewaite Mrs. Morris Akers Kate McCulley Peggy Adkisson Blanche Hopkins Mrs. Fred Wood, Jr. Mildred Butts Mrs. Charles Horton Zula Craig Mrs. Seth Draper DEACONS Charley Franklin Austa Reeves Silas Haynes Eldon Wood Phillip Fry David Bagwell Bert Austin **DEACON'S WIVES**

Mrs. Otis Hickman

Mountain Grove, Mo. Hartville Faith and Hope Pleasant Grove Grant Avenue Mtn. Valley

> Lone Star CHURCH Mountain Grove Mt. Pisgah

Salem Willow Springs Grant Avenue Pleasant Grove CHURCH

Pleasant Hill

Marie Pembrook New Rock Springs Zora Havnes Dora Fry Willow Springs Betty Bagwell Grant Avenue Braxine Evans Grant Avenue Elizabeth Patton Grant Avenue Erma Austin Pleasant Grove Mrs. Fred Usserv Union Grove CHURCH CLERKS CHURCH Ruth Hickman First Quarterly Meeting Dora Fry Willow Springs Mrs. Fred Ussery Union Grove Mrs. Pearl Pointer Grant Avenue Virginia Marler Harmony Quarterly Meeting DELEGATES CHURCH Mrs Maxine Hagar Mountain Grove Luree Coday Mountain Grove Marie Helsley Rock Chapel Ruth Owens Rock Chapel Elmer Davis Pleasant Hill Iva Curtis Pleasant Grove Cope Faith and Hope Debbie Akers Kathy Akers Faith and Hope Lizzie Coble New Rock Springs Quarterly Meeting Marie Micham Edna Walls Mt. Pisgah Cabool Carol Moury Mtn. Valley Stan Neher Steven Hopkins Mtn. Valley Pam Robertson New Rock Springs Bruce Presley Grant Avenue Carl Hutsell No. 1 Wolf Creek Curt Calhoun Wolf Creek Bob Keith Pleasant Home Brenda Coble Pleasant Home Jerry Stillwell Patty Davis Harmony Harmony Leanna Borders New Home Katherine Emmerson New Home Pauline Adams Mrs. Harold Dake Un on Grove Harold Dake Union Grove Hartville Pauline Skinner Hartville Lowell Skinner Grant Avenue Dorothy Brawley Willow Springs Mr. and Mrs. Bob Adamson

A TRIBUTE TO THOSE WHO SERVED

This page contains the names of all ministers of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, who have been members of this Mission Association whose memory we honor and hold dear, as we hear witness of their lifes work from the hearts of men and women all over the country-side, we say with Paul in Romans 10:15: How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things Thank God for these who have gone to their reward.

				Year
Nam	e		Passed	Away
Rev. Geor	ge Scott, Jr.			1957
Rev. L. M	I. Marler			1958
Rev. Grov	er Cravens			1959
Rev. Geor	ge Scott, Sr.			1960
Rev. Jess	Postlewaite			1960
Rev. Lee	Maxwell			1960
Rev. Alber	rt Brook			1961
Rev. Arch	ie Halford			1962
Rev. John	Silvey	. 8.		1962
Rev. Thon	mas Halford			1962
Rev. O. L.	. Claxton			1962
Rev. E. E.	Winfree			1965
Rev. Dave	Parrott			1969
Rev. Virgi	1 Mathis			1969
Rev. Otho	Means			1969
Rev. Warr	en Mitchell			1970

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE. From experience, we the Free Will Baptist Churches, in order to form a more perfect union and that we may affiliate ourselves 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 regulated Quarterly Meetings and Churches as many as 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, Church Training Service and Woman's 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, and Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-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 Forty (\$40.00) 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 a 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 shall be elected for a term of 5 years, who shall hold office until his successor is elected, further: if any vacancies occur 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 the 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 any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor hold any ecclesiastical 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-third vote, after notice of contemplated change has been read and placed on the table one day previous to the time the vote was taken.

BY-LAWS

- 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.
- 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 admisistering 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.
- 17. All applicants for license or ordination shall be examined by an examining committee composed of five members, at least three of whom shall be ordained ministers, the committee to be appointed by the moderator. The Examining Committee shall interview all applicants in private and shall use the standard of examination formerly approved as resolution, to be printed in separate form and distributed to all ministers and churches in the Association.
- No member of this body shall serve on the Executive Board of both this annual meeting and the quarterly meeting at the same time.
- 19. All churches that compose this body shall prepare a statistical report on the form supp ied by the clerk, who is the statistician, of the association, as soon as possible after receipt of the form at the end of June each year.

20. All ministers of this Association should provide to the Clerk a report of their work of the previous year.

21. Any minister of this Association who cannot attend the yearly meeting should submit to the clerk a written report. including a reason for his inability to attend.

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.
- 6. 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 salvations. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
- 10. Freedom of the Will. The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.
- 11. Salvation Free. God desires the salvation of all, the 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 offerings 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

every 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 Restribution. 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."

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in his solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances 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 references 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 Sayior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assemblying 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 principal 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 ans 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.

	Union Church George Bryant, Pastor Nolan Neal, Clerk	New Home Church Dan Talbott, Pastor Pauline Long, Ckerk	Pea Ridge Church Fred Nabier, Pastor Bertha Adamson, Clerk	Mt. Pisgah Church Bill Price, Pastor Lloyd Walls, Clerk	Rock Chapel Church Eddie Altis, Pastor Delpha Young, Clerk	Harmony Church Lester Davis, Pastor Lela Cornelison, Clerk	Hartville Church Carl Postlewait, Pastor Lavelle Headley, Clerk	Pleasant Hill Church Lester Lemons, Pastor Wima L. Flake, Clerk	Willow Springs Church Chesley Hill, Pastor Dora Fry, Clerk	Union Grove Church Mrs. Fred Ussery, Clerk	Faith and Hope Church Morris Akers, Pastor Faye Coatney, Clerk	Cabool Church Payton Smyer, Pastor Estella Hanna, Cierk	Pleasant Home Church Glen Murray, Pastor Gertrude Elliott, Clerk	Mt. Zion No. 2 Church Everett Hopkins, Pastor Dearl Willhite, Clerk	Mtn. Grove Church Luther Gibson, Pastor Betty Dale, Clerk
Church Membership	56	84	20	98	158	78	85		128	69	72	88			565
Resident	28	51	14	50	108	63	75	41	77 10	59 10		73	65 22		1.4
Members Dismissed	4	1	3	4	2	0	1	1	65	10	2	2	3	3	14
Deceased	1					2	î	2	00		1	_	3		4
S. S. Average Attendance	35	36	12	70	65	26	68	30	90	35		56		40	263
C. T. S. Enrollment	24	Į		28	50]]	50		35	4.0	39		80
Womans Aux. Membership		1			-			1	12		1 1	12			31
Master's Men Membership Prayer Meeting Attendance	16	12			1	ρ	32	1	22	8	13	20	25	20	$\frac{12}{65}$
No. Ordained Ministers	10	1	1	6	3	3	2	1	2	1	3	20	3	20	3
No. Ordained Deacons	2	4	î	3	5	1	5	3	5	5	4	3	5	4	7
Pas'or's Salary	3,111.30	1,634.05	460.00	1 300.00	1,800 00	975.98	1,820.00				1,225.00		2,000.00	530.00	7,800.00
Evangelistic Work	200 00	328.67	56.60		150.00	223.05	86.00	93.45	645.75	175.00		125.00			252.88
Building and Repair	228.32	174.84	60.60		1,050.38	559.96	944 50	105 401	1,077.72			357.54			2,917.69
Literature Cooperative Plan	178.97 240.00	97.39	28.00	512.71 129.00	402.73 $286\ 17$	181.62	244.76	32.10	697.56 655 96		176.46	283.75 447.73		38.27	2,438.68 $2,624.27$
Missions, Bible College	58.25	973.50		180.00	178.00		60.00		134.34			111.10	104.00	15.70	2,056.88
Youth Camp Gifts	190.00	0.0.00				37.41	50.00			41.50			30.00	10.10	2,000.00
Value of Church Property	7,000.00	11,000.00			10,000.00		12,000.00				6,300 00	25,000.00		5,000.00	110,000 00
Amount Sent for Minutes	10.00	5.00	2.00	5.00		10.00	3.00	3.00	20.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5 00	3.00	15.00

	Happy Ridge Church Leonard Keys, Pastor Inen Bumgarner, Clerk	Lead Hill Church Gordon Heckendorn, Pastor Lois Cordor, Clerk	Mtn. Valley Church Homer Smith, Pastor Clobell Deeds, Clerk	Trinity Church Ray Middleton, Pastor Alice Sherrer, Clerk	Number One Church Eldon Tate, Pastor Blanch Hutsell, Clerk	Pleasant Grove Church Gene McCully, Pastor Patty Cravens, Clerk	New Rock Springs Church Fred Wood, Jr., Pastor Phyllis Wlyrick, Clerk	Wolf Creek Church R. E. Helsley, Pastor Jorothy Millsap, Clerk	Grant Avenue Church Billy Adkisson, Pastor Pearl Pointer, Clerk	Sappy Home Church Fred Marler, Pastor Lorene Maloney, Clerk	Union Chapel Church Leon Bresler, Pastor Darlene Crewse, Clerk	Lone Star Church Seth Draper, Pastor Mary Hos.ner, Clerk	Salem Church Max Courtney, Pastor Lavon Harrison, Clerk
Church MembershipResident	22	56	108 84	30 25	57 32	42 29	65 40	81 64	365 365	48 41	42 40	72 58	45 33
Resident	2		7		52	20	11	7	38	3	10	2	3
Members Dismissed			1	3			5	4	14	3		9	1
S. S. Average Attendance	15	30	42	32	27	31	50		185	37	20	55	37
C. T. S. Enrollment	15		31				30		110			30	36
Womans Aux. Membership									24 16				
Master's Men Membership Prayer Meeting Attendance	10						18	i	110	24		20	15
No. Ordained Ministers	3		- 1	3	4	1	4	2	2	1	2	4	2
No. Ordained Deacons Pastor's Salary	1 2		$1,320\ 00$	2	1,040.00	1,200.00	1,275.00	1,580 00	7,220.00	1 040 00	3	1,330.00	1,560.00
Evangelistic Work	İ		200.00	94.00	300.00	104 40	70.00	150.00	511 50	125 00		154.31	
Building and Repair	10.68		- 05 21	281 19 18.74	6.00 90.00	14.00	1,800 00	68.29	2,776.09	1,276.77		356.06	$1,512\ 01$ 272.31
Literature Cooperative Plan	10.00		167.34 297.19	10.74	90.00	$87.68 \mid 221.76 \mid$	$120\ 00$ $150\ 00$		2,180.57	88.00			240.00
Missions, Bible College	1		80 83	10.00		454 44	260.00	450.73	1,327 72			118.44	265.00
Vouth Camp Gifts			50.00	6 000 00	$\begin{vmatrix} 25.00 \\ 4,500.00 \end{vmatrix}$	40.00	10 000 00	10 000 00	1,98569 $71,000.00$	5 000 00	2 500 00	132 00	10,000.00
Value of Church Property Amount Sent for Minutes	2.00	5.00	3,500.00	5 00	5.00	2 50		7.00		5.00	2.00	5.00	5.00

