

MINUTES
Of The
One Hundred and Twenty Fifth
Annual Session
Of The
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST
Held With
SARDIS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Elrod, Alabama
October 11 and 12, 1975

OFFICERS

Rev. J. L. Lavender Moderator
Rev. R. E. Tilley Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. N. Joyner	L. B. Koon
M. P. Gore	Hermon Sanford

Ganus Gray

The next session of the Association
will meet with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist
Church Northport, Alabama on Saturday before the
Second Sunday in October at 9:30 O'Clock

The one hundred and twenty fifth session of the Mount Moriah Association convened with Sardis Free Will Baptist Church of Elrod, Alabama on Oct. 11 and 12 1975

The session was opened with singing and prayer. The introductory Sermon was given by Rev. J.L. Lavender.

It was moved and seconded that we go into the business of the Association. Delegates were listed as per role

It was moved and seconded to place delegates where any were absent. Invitation was given for new churches.

Terminal for Christ Free Will Baptist Church was received into the Association/

Rev. J.L.Lavender was elected as Moderator and Rev. R.E.Tilley as clerk.

The following Committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS * Marlin Burkhalter, Clifton Walters, Claud Malone, Calvin Wicker, Loy Shaw and Oscar Fulgham.

DEVOTION *-Clifton Malone, E.P.Gray, Willson Connell Raiford Galloway with the Deacons of the Church.

DECEASED - Ganus Gray, Tull Boswell, George Biggim, Luther Burkhalter, Vernici Tilley and Daniel Sanford.

TEMPERANCE - T.B.Montgomery, Searcy Junkins, Arlie Hallman, Rick Henderson and Burgess Pate.

MORAL AND REFORM- Murrel Wheat, James Lancaster, Dan Turnipseed, Murry Reinflow and Chester South.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE - Dural Guy, Francis Epperson, Hugh Acker, James Wharton and C.H.Harbin.

SABBATH SCHOOL - Searcy Mullinex, R.D.Reynolds, Herold Lowe, Willie Hill Ogelsby and Tull Boswell.

CHILDREN HOME - Brady Montgomery, Jemmy Oden, Jerry Parker and Tim Fulgham.

FINANCE - Trim Guy, Burges Pate, G.D.Skelton, Sister Henry Lee.

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES - Robert Myrick and Ira Jewell.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend that the next session of the association to be held with Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church and that Rev, Dewey Thomas preach the introductory sermon at 9:30 A.M. and Rev. Dennis Kiz-zire be his alternate. We recommend the clerk super-intend the printing of the minutes and be paid \$100. for his service.

Marlin Burkhalter, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee recommend that the Sunday Service be conducted by the following. Rev. James Posey preach at 9:30 A.M. and Willis Montgomery be his alternate. Rev. Jerrell Montgomery Preach at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Wayne Watson be his alternate. Rev. Dennis Kiz-zire preach at 2:00 P.M. and Rev. Ernest White be his alternate. If one is absent the Dascons of Sardis Church will appoint one in his place.

DECEASED

MOUNT MORIAH Annie Mae Shepherd, Woods Burgess.

SHILOH Evie Latham.

TABERNACLE Ada Boswell, Hermon Wheat.

UNION John Acker, Mamie Goodman.

PHOEBES CHAPEL John Galloway, Wilber Sanford.

UNION HILL Thomas Lancaster, Morgie Robinson.

MOUNT ZION Earl Ramsey, Charlotte Smith.

PLEASANT HILL Mattie Guy.

SARDIS Walter Driver, Martha Driver.

TUSCALOOSA Audrie Johnson, Mary Etta Lynn. Edgar
Randolph.

BIG SANDY Etta Harbin, Jeannette Dewey.

REFORM Bill Reynolds, Fred Meggs.

CAROLWOOD Melba Foulkner.

Ganus Gray, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance report as follows:

We believe temperance should be used in all phases of life in our obligation to God as well as our obligation to man. We should study our Bibles to be a worker that need not be ashamed unto God or man. But know what God demands of our conduct and stand by this in our everyday living to live by the privileges that God gives and recognize it as a privilege from God.

Searcy Junkin, Chairman.

MORAL AND REFORM

We your committee report as follows: We as parents should use Eph. 6:4 for our guide line for raising our children. We as parents should understand that our lives effect our community as well as our children and we should let God rule our life.

Murvel Wheat, Chairman.

EDUCATION PUBLICATION AND LITERATURE

We your committee report as follows: We believe as Christians that we should be careful of the literature that we read and that our children read. We believe that our churches should check the literature that is being taught in our Sundry Schools. We believe the authorized King James Version of both the old and the testament should be used in home and Church. We think that the things taught to our children today will be of great importance in the future.

Dural Guy, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee feel that one of the best ways to study God's word and learn more of his will is in Sundry School and we encourage each of you to attend Sundry School. We realize it is some of the best training our children can get. Some of our churches are halftime and we want to recommend fulltime Sundry School. We would like for the association to investigate the possibility of having a Sunday School Teacher's training program.

Searcy Mullenix, Chairman.

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: It is our sincere desire that each church and christian examine their heart and see if they are helping our children home as they should. These children need spiritual help and guidance. They do receive this from Bro. Lambert and his staff. They also need your financial support. It is our duty to help those in need. We strongly urge each church to help with the finances of the home.

Brady Montgomery, Chairman.

FINANCE

We your committee report as follows. We have collected a total of \$245.00 for minute funds during this session

RESOLUTIONS AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows. We wish to express our sincere thanks to Sardis Free Will Baptist Church for the manner in which they have made us feel welcome at this association. Our prayer is that each church would show sincere interest and the spirit of God's

love that has been shown here. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the ladies for the nice lunch that was served. May God's blessing be with each of you.

Robert Myrick, Chairman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We your committee report as follows. We find all our Preachers in good standing so far as we know except Bro. H.E.Crawford and Bro. J.H.Tillry which are members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tuscaloosa of the 41 Street. Our effort have fail to settle their difference. We refer them back to their church. We recomend that Bro.Dennis Kezzire name be added to the ordian ministers list. We recomend that Brother Albert Montgomery, David Hayes and Arlie Lynn names be dropped from the ordained ministers list.

Report adopted committee retained.

Chairman, W.N.Joyner.

Bro. Lando McAdams was elected as the Associational Chairman indefintely. He has done an excellent job of reaching our youth. They met quarterly with the last meeting at Sardis Church with over one hundred

DELEGATES ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Mount Moriah - Dan Turnipseed, James Lancaster, Searcy Mullinex.

Macedonia - Murvel Wheat, Loy Shaw, James Wharton.

Shiloh - Marlin Burkhalter, Wilson Connell, Luther Burkhalter.

Tabernacle - Clifton Malone, Calvin Wicker, Claud Malone.

Union - E.P.Gray, Ganus Gray, Rickey Henderson.

Philip Chapel- Daniel Sanford, Raiford Galloway, Grady Bigham.

Ethelsville - Clifton Walters, Vernice Tilley, Ira Jewell.

Mount Zion - John Brown, Arlivie Cainfield, Annie Cooley.

Union Hill - W.H.Ogelsby, T. H. Lowe, R. D. Reynolds.

Pleasant Hill - Jimmy Oden, Jerry Parker, Tullie Boswell.

Sardis - G. D. Skelton, James Driver, Winston Robertson.

Glen Echo - Tim Fulgham, Oscar Fulgham, Hugh Acker.

Tuscaloosa - Dural Guy, Burgess Pate, Phillip Guy.

Big Sandy - C. H .Harbin, Cindy Harbin, Dallas Hartley.

Reform - J.B.Montgomery, Patrick Creel, Searcy Junkin.

Hubbard Springs Betty Epperson, Wesly Cooley, George Shutlesworth.

Carolwood - Lois Lee, Brady Montgomery, Murrah Renfroe.

Terminal for

Christ - Robert Myrick. Otis Broyles, Kyle Broyles.

The Ministers and Deacons met every other month on the first Saturday night. In November at Mount Moriah Church new officers were elected.

Rev. Arlie Lynn and Rev. David Hayes ask for a letter of dismissal from the Association.

Rev. J.H.Tilley, Rev. Jessie Adcox and Rev. James Posey ask that their name be dropped from the ordained ministers list of the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association. Motion made by Dan Turnipseed and seconded by Calvin Wicker and motion was carried.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Rev. Douglas Tilley preached at 9.30 A.M. Rev. Jerrell Montgomery at 11.00 A.M. and Rev. Dennis Kizzire at 2.00 P.M.

MINISTERS ATTENDING ASSOCIATION

Rev. Edgar Jones, J.H.Tilley, R.E.Tilley, H.E.Crawford
J.L.Lavender, J.L.Lynn, W.L.Lynn, Arlie Lynn, Willis
Montgomery, Clyde Oswalt, G.P.Perkins, Lewis Cooley,
Jessie Ascox, Dewey Thomas, Donald Keasler, Douglas Tilley
Ernest white, James Posey, R.G.Plymon, Jerrell Montgomery

CHURCHES	PASTOR	CLERK & ADDRESS	PAID PASTOR	PAID HELPER	Baptized	Rec. by letter	Dis. by letter	Restored	Deceased	Excluded	Meeting Days	No. of Members	Minute Fund	Paid Childrer Home	Paid Mission
MOUNT MORIAH	Dennis Kizzire	Mrs Searcy Mullenix Rt. 2 Gordo, Ala.	\$5,120.33	\$290.00	1	333	3	0	2	1	FT	90	25	\$345.00	\$80.00
MACEDONIA	G.P. Perkins	J.L. McAdams Rt. 1 Millport, Ala.	\$2525.13	\$388.26	4	44	0	0	0	0	1-3	122	25	1284.64	100.00
SHILOH	J.L. Lavender	Wilson Connell Rt. 1 Gordo, Ala.	\$2650.00	\$300.00	0	0	1	0	1	0	FT	144	15	\$208.89	
TABERNACLE	H.E. Crawford	Lewis Montgomery Rt. 3 Tuscaloosa, Ala.	\$1010.20	\$75.00	3	3	4	0	2	0	1-3	151	15		
UNION		S.D. Gray Rt. 4 Gordo, Ala.	\$1275.00	\$275.00	0	0	0	0	1	0	FT	84	10		224.33
PHILIPS CHAPEL	H.E. Crawford	Stanly Sanford Star Rt. Elrod, Ala.	\$1048.67	\$150.00	8	4	0	0	2	0	2-4	333	20		511.00
1st. ETHELSVILLE	G.P. Perkins	L.D. Tilley Rt. 1 Ethelsville, Ala.	\$	\$100.00	1	0	2	0	0	0	2-4	45	15		
MOUNT ZION	Lewis Cooley	James South Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.	\$628.65	\$	2	6	4	0	2	0	FT	100	12		
UNION HILL	Jessie Adcox	W.N. Joyner Box 62 Carrollton, Ala.	\$1425.00	\$100.00	0	2	7	0	2	0	FT	98	25	230.00	100.00
PLEASANT HILL	J. L. Lynn	William Quemby Elrod, Ala.	\$1191.98	\$525.00	2	1	3	0	1	0	FT	95	8		1325.00
SARDIS	R.E. Tilley	Fred Johnson Rt. 1 Gordo, Ala.	\$1605.50	\$150.00	0	3	0	0	2	0	FT	72	10		150.00
GLEN ECHO	James Plass	Thelma Hill Rt. 2 Carrollton, Ala.	\$1763.85	\$151.35	0	1	2	0	0	0	2-4	64	5	272.00	
1st. TUSCALOOSA	J.H. Tilley	Wester Fulgham 3611-2nd Ave. Tuscaloosa	\$8,975.00	\$300.00	7	2	9	0	3	1	FT	129	15	157.53	554.50
BIG SANDY	Ernest White	C.H. Harbin Rt. 1 Tuscaloosa, Ala.	\$693.55	\$90	0	0	0	0	2	0	FT	41	15		50.00
1st. REFORM	Donald Keasler	Julia Klosterman Box 744 Reform, Ala.	\$645.00	\$111.00	1	2	1	0	2	0	FT	60	10.		
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Clyde Oswalt	Frances Epperson Rt. 1 Duncanville, Ala.	\$600.00	\$62.00	0	0	1	0	0	0	1-3	28	5		
CAROLWOOD	Dewey Thomas	Lorene Birchheat Rt. 4 Northport, Ala.	\$1800.00	\$150.00	23	10	9	0	1	1	FT	98	15	194.00	620.82
TERMINAL FOR				\$	5	7					FT	12			
CHRIST F.W.B.	Duglas Tilley	Reba Broyles Tuscaloosa, Ala.													

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Edgar Jones, Greensboro Hwy. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. R. E. Tilley, Rt 1 Ethelsville, Ala.

Rev. H. E. Crawford, 2323 9th St. Northport, Ala.

Rev. J. L. Lynn, Morman Rd. Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

W.L. Lynn Morman Rd Rt. 3 Northport, Ala.

Rev. Willis Montgomery, Berry , Ala.

Rev. Clyde Oswalt, Gordo Ala.

Rev. W.R. Adams, 308 48th Ave. Northport, Ala.

G.P. Perkins Star Rt. Box 201 Columbus, Miss.

Rev. Lewis Cooley, Golden Acres Cottondale, Ala.

Rev. Dewey Thomas, Rt. Northport, Ala.

Rev. Donald Keasler Rt. 2 Box 20b Reform, Ala.

Rev. Douglass Tilley, 3212 41st E. Alpine Hills,
Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. Ernest White, Greensboro Hy. Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Rev. J.L.Lavender, Aliceville, Ala.

Rev. Roy Gene Plymon Rt. 2 Ethelsville, Ala.

Rev. Jerrell Montgomery,

Rev. Dennis Kizzile, Rt. 2. Ethelsville, Ala.

LICENSED

Rev. Wayne Watson

HISTORY OF CHURCHES IN
MOUNT MORIAH ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	ORGANIZED BY	YEAR
MOUNT MORIAH	Rev. Ellis Gore	1846
MACEDONIA	Rev. Ellis Gore	1847
SHILOH	Rev. Ellis Gore & Rev. Thomas Malloy	1874
TABERNACLE	Rev. Ellis Gore & Rev. W.H. McGee	1875
UNION	Rev. Wood Springfield	1891
PHILLIPS CHAPEL	Rev. W.J. Harbin & Rev. J.W. More	1893
1st. F.W.B. Ethelsville	Rev. W.J. Harbin & Rev. W.B. Montgomery	1902
UNION HILL	Rev. Wood Springfield	1908
PLEASANT HILL	Rev. Wood Springfield	1912
SARDIS	Rev. W.J. Harbin	1930
GLEN ECHO	Rev. T.L. Walker	1936
1st. F.W.B. TUSCALOOSA	Rev. J.H. Tilley & Rev. H.E. Crawford	1957
BIG SANDY	Rev. Edgar Jones & Rev. Albert Montgomery	1958
1st. F.W.B. REFORM	Rev. O.L. Fields	1958
HUBBARD SPRINGS	Rev. V.R. Lay	1960
CAROLWOOD	Rev. Dewey Thomas	1970
TERMINAL FOR CHRIST F.W.B. CHURCH	Rev. Douglas Tilley	1975

UNION MEETING

The eighty fourth session of the Union Meeting was held with the Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa County Alabama on the fourth Sunday and Saturday in July. After the opening song and prayer Rev. H. E. Crawford read Scripture. The introductory sermon was given by Rev. Jerrell Montgomery.

Letters from the churches were handed in and read. Delegates were listed as per role.

It was moved and seconded to place delegates where any were absent. Rev. J. L. Lavender was elected Moderator and R. E. Tilley as Clerk.

The following committees were appointed.

DOCUMENTS AND ORDER OF BUSINESS

We your committee recommend the next session of the Union Meeting convene with Philips Chapel Church. We recommend that Bro. Dennis Kizzire preach the introductory Sermon at 9:15 A.M. and Bro. Roy Plymon be his alternate. On Ministers, We recommend that we follow our procedure laid out in our Treaties pertaining to the Ordination of Ministers. Any Church calling a Pastor must call a Ordained Minister of our Faith.

Louis Tilley, Chairman.

DEVOTION

We your committee recommend that services be conducted as follows Rev. Willis Montgomery preach at 9:30 A.M. and Rev, Arlie Lynn be his alternate. Rev. J.L.Lavender preach at 11:00 A.M. and Rev. Lonnie Lynn be his alternate. Rev. R.E.Tilley preach at 2:00 and Rev. J.H.Tilley be his alternate.

Lewis McAdams, Chairman.

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on temperance believe we should be temperate in all things we believe we should teach temperance in our homes. We believe that every person here should get involved in issues that affect our everyday lives. We should take a definite stand on the Wet-Dry issue. We urge every one to voice their opinion to our elected officials on the dog racing and paramutual betting issue in our aera and state.

Brady Montgimery, Chairman.

SABBATH SCHOOL

We your committee feel that the best way to study God's word and learn more of his will is in Sundy School. We feel that the Sundy School should be taught in weys that everyone can understand. We pray that each one teaching Sunday School well let God give him the words to say. We feel that the teachers should be a member in good standing with the church in which he is teaching.

Jemmy Oden, Chairman.

CHILDREN HOME

We your committee report as follows: We bo stress that each individual visit the children home at least once. We also recommend that each Church send their prayers and a monthly offering to the home, At this time we would like the home representative to report the home's progres and needs. We recommend that we take an offering today for the home. \$114.00 was received for the home.

Winston Robertson, Chairman.

RESOLUTION AND QUERIES

We your committee report as follows. We wish to express to Tabernacle Church our sincere thanks for the manor in which they have made us feel welcome at the Union Meeting. Our prayers are that each Church would show the same interest and love that has been shown here. We wish to express our sincere thanks to the ladies for the outstanding lunch that was served. May God's blessing be with each of you.

Stanly Sanford, Chairman.

SUNDAY SERVICES

After singing by the congregation and prayer the 9.30 sermon was delivered by Rev. Willis Montgomery. Rev. J,L.Lavender preached at 11.00 A.M. and Rev. R. E. Tilley at 2.00 P.M.

TREASURY

Balance brought forward	\$612.22
Received for minute fund ...	\$245.00
Total Receipts	\$857.22
Total Expenditures	
Printing of Minutes	\$182.71
Clerk Services	\$100.00
Balance on hand	\$574.51

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ARTICLES OF FAITH

ART. 1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the Supreme Ruler of Heaven and earth, self existent Creator of all things, and revealed under the personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and existing in distant but harmonious offices in the great work or redemption.

ART. 2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end; that it reveals the principle by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

ART. 3. We believe that man was created holy under the law of the maker, but from voluntary transgression fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind are depraved and wholly unable of their own free will and ability to recover from that fallen state in which they are by nature.

ART. 4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by any absolute and unalterable decree; but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

ART. 5. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering, made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general, and every individual in particular; however, that none but those who believe in Him can be partakers of the divine benefits.

ART. 6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our natural facilities and powers, or from the force and operation of the free will since man in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of either thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

ART. 7. We believe in the general application of the Grace of God for fallen man, sufficient to enable him morally and actually to obey the requirements of the law of liberty — James 1:25, this is to act saving faith; John 1:9, however, none but those who believe or acquiesce in Christ will be saved thereby; Acts 17:32; Romans 2:9; John 3:19.

ART. 8. We believe in the free and moral agency of man, by the Grace of God, before and after conversion that he is under no invincible necessity, by his Creator, to act in a given

way that if he lives after the flesh he shall die, but if he through the spirit, do mortify the deeds of the body he shall live, and therefore, man is always a proper subject of admonition and exhortation, Heb. 3:11-12-13; Rom. 13:14; Mark 13:33; Eze. 18:24; Rev. 2nd and 3rd chapters; Eze. 33:13-18; 1 Tim. 4:1; Heb. 3:6; 1 Cor. 10:12-22; 1 Peter 1:10.

ART. 9. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in faith and fellowship of the Gospel observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by His laws and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His work; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors and deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistle of Timothy and Titus.

ART. 10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are proper subjects.

ART. 11. We believe the Lord's supper is a perpetual obligation, by which the members of the church in the use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying of Christ preceded always by solemn self-examination.

ART. 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgement and joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal upon principles of grace and justice.

ART. 13. We believe in open and mixed communion and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite Christians of all orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches to commune with us at the Lord's table.

RULES OF DECORUM

ART. 1. The Association shall be called to order by the Moderator, who presided at the last session, the former Clerk also officiating until the body is fully organized.

ART. 2. The Association shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.

ART. 3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot at each session of the Association. A majority of votes, by delegates present, elect.

ART. 4. The names of the delegates from the different churches shall be enrolled and called for, as necessary, during the session.

ART. 5. A majority of the delegates shall rule in all cases except the reception of churches, then it shall be unanimous.

ART. 6. The Moderator shall be entitled to vote except in case of a tie, and then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on all questions after all others have spoken, provided he appoints someone to the chair while he is speaking.

ART. 7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator and after recognition by the Moderator, he shall proceed.

ART. 8. No member shall be interrupted while speaking unless he departs from the subject under discussion or uses words of personal reflection.

ART. 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, nor more than 15 minutes at a time.

ART. 10. No member shall laugh or talk while debates are going on.

ART. 11. No member shall absent himself from the Association without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 12. The Moderator shall have the power to call the Association together at any time upon a petition of two-thirds of the churches composing the Association over which he presides.

ART. 13. That the appointment of all committees by the Moderator be confined to ministers and delegates composing the Association.

CONSTITUTION

ART. 1. This Association shall be known as the Mount Moriah Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of delegates from the different churches forming the same, each being entitled to three delegates.

ART. 2. The body shall be considered an Advisory Council, but have no authority over the affairs of other churches

unless they depart from the Articles of Faith of the Association. In case any church departs from the Articles of Faith and supports doctrines or heresy, or allows any minister of her body to teach doctrines not in keeping with our Articles of Faith, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper and right, according to the teachings of the Bible.

ART. 3. Each church in this Association shall be considered an advisory body, and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. It may, however, in extreme cases, call aid from sister churches but the Association shall rule in all matters of doctrine and general interest.

ART. 4. All questions of Doctrines and matters of general interest shall be settled by a two-thirds vote of the Association and the decision shall be final.

ART. 5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority of votes.

ART. 6. This Association shall meet annually, at such time and place as may be agreed at a previous annual session, and shall not adjourn finally until all business is transacted.

ART. 7. Churches wishing to become members of the Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usage.

ART. 8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influences to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as the temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work, etc.

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 this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love Him 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 and the use of intoxicating beverages and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree to discharge our obligations 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 in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and its benevolent works.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another with love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, to be careful of one another's business and reputation, and seek to 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 Sabbath Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls and the conversion of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.