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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

The Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist met in the Eleventh Annual Session with Depriest Chapel Church, near Gattman, Miss., on Thursday September 20, 1945 at 10:00 a. m.

Called together by song service after which Rev. M. L. Hollis, Assistant Moderator took charge in the absence of the Moderator. Rev. J. M. Haas who was sick. Rev. George C. Lee, clerk and Bro. W. G. Prude, Treasurer were present. Rev. E. W. Graves and Mrs. Larue Marcy were appointed as reading clerks and letters were read from the following churches; Amory, Antioch, Beech Springs, Bethlehem, Columbus, Damascus, Depriest Chapel, East Tupelo, Fawn Grove, New Gauley, Pearce's Chapel, Pleasant Grove, Priceville, Springdale, Stetson Chapel and Union Hill.

A Resolution Committee was appointed as follows: George C. Lee, L. E. Duncan, W. F. Bevill, Mrs. Letcher Fields and Mrs. Pauline Murphy.

After a ten minute recess we were called together for preaching. Rev. L. C. Johnson of East Tupelo filled the stand and preached a masterful sermon from Joshua first chapter as a subject: "Arise, let us go over this Jordan."

Adjourned for lunch.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Called together by singing. Rev. M. L. Hollis and Rev. Johnson were called away to conduct a funeral and Bro. L. E. Duncan was appointed as assistant moderator in the moderator's absence. After Rev. W. O. Knight had led the congregation in the singing of two songs the Moderator made the following Committee appointments:

League: W. O. Knight, L. J. Lee, Inez Robison, Pauline Murphy and Clyde Goodson.

Ladies Aid: Mesdames Hollis Francis, W. H. Barnes, Bod Addington, Jodie Walker and Vona Morgan.

Obituary: Revs. D. M. Smitherman and Grover Price, E. F. Harris, Mrs. Grace Vaughn and Mrs. O. A. Tatum.

Literature: C. R. Hollis, H. A. Roberts, Covert McKee, Mrs. D. H. Cannon and Mrs. Boyd McCollough.

Sunday School: Mrs. Letcher Fields, Mrs. Clyde Francis, W. A. Caulder, O. Robison and Ed York.

Christian Education: L. C. Johnson, Ernie Russell, Mrs. Robert Ford and Miss Cuple Bevill.

Temperance: J. T. Alexander, Lige Isbell, O. A. Tatum, Mrs. O. Robison and Mrs. Wayne Thomas.

Reverends M. E. Carpenter and E. W. Graves from the Vernon Association were seated as visitors.

A letter from Rev. Elton Coleman a member of the Antioch Church, in the service of his country, addressed to C. R. Hollis was read by the clerk. Rev. Coleman regretted that he could not be present at the Association but assured the delegation that he would be praying for its success.

Reports of Ministers were called for at this time.

MINISTERS' REPORTS

Greetings to N. E. Miss. F.W.B. Association when convened with Depriest Chapel Church on Sept. 20, 1945. It is with true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make this report of the past year's work. I have preached 200 sermons; prayed many prayers; visited many sick people; Baptised 10 converts; Received 12 into church; helped ordain 1 minister and 2 deacons; Preached one memorial sermon; Preached one commencement sermon. Pastored one church. Received \$2000.00 from church pastored, \$885.00 for Revivals. Total received for year's service \$2885.00. Traveled approximately 15000 miles.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Johnson.

By the Grace of God, I am able to make the following report of my years work, ending Sept. 15th 1945. for which I am very thankful.

I have pastored six churches namely, Red Bay, First F. W. B. Church of Columbus, Miss., Mt. Harmony, Beech Springs, Pearces Chapel, and Amory. Giving three of the above named churches, two Sundays each month, and the others one Sunday. I have preached 382 sermons, held nine revival meetings in four different states, preached 138 evangelistic sermons, conducted two memorials, 41 funerals, married 4 couples, received \$2600.00, given to churches \$650.00. Traveled 25000 miles, Baptised 68. Received into churches 141.

M. L. Hollis,

Red Bay, Ala.

Greetings: To North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Depriest Church on Sept. 20, 1945.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report, of my years work, ending the 20th of Sept. 1945.

I have preached 67 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, baptised 11 converts, received into the church 13, helped ordain

three preachers, pastored one church, conducted 10 funerals, received from church pastored, \$291.28. Received from other work, \$212.70. Total \$503.98.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. Haas, Tupelo, Miss., RFD 2

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest Church, on Sept. 20th. 1945.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work ending the 20th day of Sept. 1945.

I have preached 65 sermons, Baptised 9, received 6 into church, pastored 1 church, received for service \$501.60. For other work, \$250.60. Total received, \$758.20. Traveled 8015 miles. My address, DeKalb,

Rev. Luther Gibson

Miss., RFD 6, and Nashville, Tenn., % Free Will Baptist School.

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest Church, on 20th day of Sept. 1945. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending the 20th day of Sept. 1945.

I have preached 15 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, conducted 2 funerals, my address is Denmark, Miss., RFD,

W. H. Fondren.

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest church, on the 20th day of Sept. 1945.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending the 20th of Sept. 1945. I have preached 21 sermons, married 1 couple, prayed many times, visited many sick, done some mission work, received \$40.55, traveled 306 miles. May God's blessings be with us all, now and forever. Elton Coleman, home address, Toccopola, Miss. Present address, Pvt. Elton Coleman, 44142873, Co. D 11th Bn. A.R.T.C. Fort Knox, Ky.

Greetings to North East Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest church, on 20th day of Sept. 1945.

I am glad to make the following report of my years work, ending the 20th day of September, 1945. I have preached 141 sermons, conducted 11 funerals, received for baptism 30, married 3 couples, had 34 professions of faith in our Lord, had 34 join the church, and have traveled 5820 miles, received for my services from all work, \$1530.52, have given to church and religious work, \$153.00. I will say I have had a wonderful year in the Lord's work, my address is Calhoun City, Miss., P. O. Box 175.

George C. Lee

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of the Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest church on 20th day of Sept. 1945.

It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending the 20th day of Sept. 1945. I have preached 33 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick, baptised four converts, received into church 4, pastored one church, conducted 7 funerals, married 3 couples, received \$61.75 for my service. Total received, \$77.75. Traveled 781 miles. My address is Toccopola, Miss.

D. M. Smitherman.

Greetings: To the North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with the Depriest church, on 20th day of Sept. 1945. It is with true thankfulness of heart that I make the following report of my years work, ending the 20th day of Sept. 1945.

I have preached 76 sermons, prayed many prayers, visited many sick people, had 8 professions, baptised 4, received 5 into church, held and helped in 5 meetings, pastored one church, received for my work, \$86.84. Total help for year \$285.55, traveled 927 miles. My address is Grover L. Price, Springville, Miss., RFD.

Recess for ten minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School:

We recommend that all churches that do not have Sunday School organize at once. We realize that the youth of today are the grown-ups tomorrow and that if we have better churches and better people that this phase of Christian training is badly needed.

We further recommend that Free Will Baptist literature be used in our Sunday Schools and that Spiritually led men and women of our own denomination be used as teachers and officers.

We also recommend the advertising of our Sunday School by inviting those with whom we come in contact with day by day that do not attend, by so doing we feel that our enrollments will show a decided increase. To those we are not able to give a personal invitation by word we feel that they should be contacted by mail. We feel that if these recommendations are followed that we will have a larger attendance in our Sunday Schools another year. We find fourteen churches reporting Sunday Schools this time, and we trust that we may have 100 per cent report another year.

Signed by Committee

F. W. B. League:

We, your Committee on League make the following report: We urge that each church which has not a League organize one as soon as possible. We feel that if we make our programs more interesting that we can draw more of the youth to the church. We urge that each leaguer work wholeheartedly toward getting more into the work. This is a work in which we can be, if our lives are yielded to Him, a soul winner for our Master. If we will get them into our League we are helping to bring them into the church as Christian workers. We find eight Leagues reported.

Signed by Committee.

Ladies Aid:

We noticed from the reading of church letters that very few of the churches have Ladies' Aid Society. We feel that a Ladies Aid Society is one of the best assets to any church and sincerely hope that more of our churches will report an organization of this type by next association. We find that only four churches reported a Ladies Aid. Several talks were made by those who have this work and gave oral reports of work accomplished.

Ladies Aid report from Pearce's Chapel: We, the Ladies Auxiliary of the Pearce's Chapel church, report as follows on our year's work:

Enrolled 9, meeting once each month, dues \$1.20 per year. Quilted 11 quilts, donated to Red Cross \$5.00, coal for Church \$3.50, Church repairs \$4.00, vase for church \$3.00, tray for sick \$0.50. Total \$16.00. Balance in treasury \$50.65.

Mrs. O. W. Hadaway, Sec'ty.

Temperance:

We urge all church members to guard against evil of every kind. Not to eat too much, drink too much or sleep too much, and not to use strong drink at all. "To abstain from all appearance of evil." "Touch not the unclean thing."

Signed by Committee.

Assignment of homes by Local Committee after which adjournment was taken until Friday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

THURSDAY EVENING

, The Rev. K. V. Shutes of Cordova, Ala., brought the message at the evening hour. His message was based on "The Pearl of Great Price", Matt. 13:16. Four souls found Christ as their personal Saviour at this service.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Name of Church	MINUTES	H Miss.	F.W.B.B.C.	F. Miss.	Super.	Total
Amory	\$2.00					\$ 2.00
Antioch	3.00	3.50	2.00			8.50
Beech Springs	4.50					4.50
Bethlehem	3.11	2.00	2.00	3.00		10.11
Columbus	5.00	5.00		5.00		15.00
Damascus	3.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	6.00	25.00
Depriest Chapel	3.00	10.00			5.00	18.00
East Tupelo	3.00	5.00	10.00	10.00	5.00	33.00
Fawn Grove	4.00		2.00	5.00	5.50	16.50
Gauley	5.00	5.00	5.00		5.00	20.00
Pearce's Chapel	4.00	2.00	2.00	1.50	2.00	11.50
Pleasant Grove	3.00					3.00
Priceville	3.00	20.00	15.00	12.50	12.00	62.50
Springdale	3.00	4.00				7.00
Stetson's Chapel	2.75	3.00				5.75
Union Hill	5.00	20.00				25.00
Freewill Off.						26.21
TOTALS	56.86	83.50	43.00	43.00	40.50	293.57
Brought Forward						105.54
						399.11

Total Receipts

Disbursements:

Alabama Orphanage	\$ 25.00
Rev. J. M. Haas—Love off.	26.21
Rev. M. L. Hollis—Mod.	5.00
Rev. George Lee—Clerk	10.00
W. G. Prude—Treas.	5.00
F. W. B. Bible College	43.00
Winford Davis—Treas. Foreign Mission	43.00
Rev. J. M. Haas—Superannuation Chair.	40.50

Balance in Treasury September 22, 1945

\$197.71

\$201.40

W. G. Prude, Treasurer

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Met together by singing and prayer. Rev. D. M. Smitherman read 8th chapter of Romans for devotions. Rev. K. V. Shutes was welcomed and seated as a visitor from Progressive Association of Alabama.

Report of Resolution Committee:

Resolved: That we adopt the Treatise as revised and adopted by the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

Resolved: That we extend to Depriest Church and community our sincere thanks for their courtesy and kindness shown us while in their midst. May God's richest blessings ever be theirs.

Signed by Committee.

Bros. C. R. Hollis and W. F. Bevill were appointed to the Home Mission Board.

Bro. Elton Brown of Depriest Church was appointed to the Board of Presbytery to succeed Bro. E. K. Brown.

There was no report from Committee on Literature as the Chairman was called away before they had time to convene.

Rev. K. V. Shutes made an appeal for funds for the benefit of the F.W.B. Orphanage at Eldridge, Ala. A free will offering was taken and \$29.00 was raised. A motion that \$25.00 be given from Association funds was passed which made a total of \$54.00, this was turned over to Bro. Shutes who duly receipted for same.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We find that the Lord of Mercy saw fit to call from our midst the following members:

Mrs. George Hall	Union Hill
Mrs. Corinne Cannon	Amory
Mrs. Ella Watkins	Bethlehem
Mrs. Amelia Swan	Bethlehem
Mrs. Snell Rockhart	Depriest
Miss Vallie Tallant	East Tupelo
Bro. Tearsie Hargett	East Tupelo, U. S. Army
Pvt. Joe Bean	Fawn Grove
Bro. Edd Yielding	Fawn Grove
Mrs. M. A. Cook	Gauley
Bro. H. C. Cowley	Pearce's Chapel
Mrs. Julia Alexander	Priceville
Mrs. Delia Reynolds	Springdale
Mrs. Kate Bishop	Stetson Chapel

We ask that the name of all deceased be included in the church letter. We thank God for those who have trusted him for full and free salvation and die with the knowledge that there awaits them a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens.

Signed by Committee.

Corresponding delegates were appointed as follows:

Alabama State: L. J. Lee, C. R. Hollis, and L. E. Duncan

National Association: L. J. Lee and C. R. Hollis.

Jasper: D M. Smitherman, Elton Brown and Joe Hollis.

Vernon: G. J. Roberson, C. R. Hollis and L. J. Lee.

Progressive: L. C. Johnson, L. E. Duncan and W. G. Prude.

By unanimous vote the meeting time of Association was changed so as to convene on Thursday and Friday before first Sunday in October each year hereafter.

Motion made and duly sustained by second that all Committees be appointed and serve through the ensuing year so that they may be able to report when called upon. Passed (See appointment on back of cover)

Election of officers and host church for another year resulted as follows:

Union Hill to be host for next Session of Association.

M. L. Hollis, Moderator

J. M. Haas, Assistant Moderator

George C. Lee, Clerk

W. G. Prude, Treasurer.

Association recessed until immediately after State Association meeting at Amory in November.

Adjourned for preaching. Rev. George C. Lee filled the stand and preached on the three heavens and the final inheritance of the Saints. Rev. 21st Chapter.

Dismissed for lunch, then for home.

Amory, Miss. Nov. 16, 1945. The Northeast Mississippi Association met in final session on above date and concluded the 1945 meeting of the body.

CHURCHES	No. Members	Rec. by Baptism	Received by L.	Dismissed	Deceased	Sunday School Enrollment	League Enrollment	Benevolences Education	
AMORY.....	65	6	15			65	25	100	2
ANTIOCH.....	120	12	2		1	40	35	33.00	1
BEECH SPRINGS.....	140	14	3	1	1	60			
BETHLEHEM.....	107				2	60		100	1
COLUMBUS.....	175		3	3	1	56	59	50.00	2
DAMASCUS.....	90							50.00	8
DEPRIEST CHAPEL...	61	5	2	5	1	45	51	110.00	15
EAST TUPELO.....	203	6	6	3	2	77	40	115.42	27
FAWN GROVE.....	190		1		2	50	50	15.67	
NEW GAULEY.....	145	5	5	3	1	96			
PEARCE'S CHAPEL....	436	6		25	2	85	27	20.41	12
PLEASANT GROVE ...	80	4				40			
PRICEVILLE.....	89	11	3		1	65	68	59.00	17
SPRINGDALE.....	181				1	40			
STETSON CHAPEL....	70	4	1	4	1				
UNION HILL.....	104	1	2	1	1	62			
TOTALS	2256	74	43	46	17	841	355	454.49	368

Indebtedness: Amory \$5850.00—Priceville \$70.00

Value of Parsonage: East Tupelo \$2500.00

Weekly prayer meetings: Amory, Columbus and East Tupelo.

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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Benevolences	Education	Incidentals	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Buildings and Repairs	Total Expenditures	Paid Home Missions -	Ladies Aid En.	Value Church Property	Paid Foreign Missions
	00	21.15	463.69	168.90	10,296.68	10,954.22	25.00	12	15,000.00	
33.00	00	10.00	257.40	152.65		481.50	32.80	15	900.00	
		5.00	364.97	267.83					1,500.00	
	00	13.11	217.60	91.50	164.60	486.81	2.00		3,000.00	
50.00		20.57	562.50	100.00	160.00	893.00	50.00	25	7,000.00	
50.00	00	86.00	501.60	162.80	150.00	914.40	5.00		1,000.00	
110.60	00	156.85	190.00	199.07	1,094.14	2,016.71	260.00		2,594.13	10.00
115.41	22	273.37	93.68 G 2040.00 S	341.72	1,506.77	5,085.64	447.50		5,500.00	60.00
15.50	67		290.28	97.00	253.67	725.62	30.50		2,500.00	
			503.03	75.00	1,711.80	2,324.85			5,000.00	
20.89	41	121.66	726.85	217.50	4.00	1,175.44	35.13	9	3,500.00	
			60.00	55.00	10.00	125.00			750.00	
59.00	00	176.00	332.12			1,693.32	89.85		2,500.00	
			300.00	112.00		429.95	17.95		1,500.00	
			86.84	50.58		140.42	3.00		1,000.00	
		21.15	463.69	60.00	638.56	1,004.39	15.00		2,000.00	
454.49	36	894.36	7258.74	2151.60	15,890.10	27,661.89	1013.73	61	57,744.13	70.00

AMORY—Amory, Miss.

M. L. Hollis, pastor

Mrs. Clyde Francis, Clerk

Deacons: D. H. Cannon, R. L. Barnes, Clyde Francis, G. J. Robertson, George Robinson.

Delegates: Mrs. D. H. Cannon, Mrs. Cora Russell, Lige Isbell, Mrs. Pearl Kennedy, Mrs. Bob Addington.

ANTIOCH—Toccopola, Miss.

George C. Lee, pastor

W. F. Bevill, Clerk

Deacons: Bud Tutor, M. L. Morris, Roy Morris.

Delegates: Cuple Bevill.

BEECH SPRINGS—Saltillo, Miss.

M. L. Hollis, pastor

Bill McCollough, Clerk

Deacons: L. B. Hill, Norman Creely, Elbert Brooks, Elzie Heatherly, Bill McCollough.

Delegates: L. B. Hill, Harvey Creely John Stembridge.

BETHLEHEM—Pontotoc, Miss.

_____ pastor

O. A. Tatum, clerk

Deacons: C. J. Ard, B. E. Eugg, S. W. Tucker.

Delegates: Mose J. Ard, Mrs. O. A. Tatum.

COLUMBUS—Columbus, Miss.

Ralph Lightsey, pastor

Mrs. Hershell Hornell, clerk

Deacons: A. J. Sanders, J. T. Baxter, Sr., Letcher Fields.

Delegates: Mrs. Robert Ford, Mrs. W. H. Barnes, Mrs. Letcher Fields

DAMASCUS—DeKalb, Miss. Rt. 6

Luther Gibson, pastor

Mrs. Covert McKee, clerk

Deacons: J. E. Smith, J. R. Kynard, M. C. Johnson.

Delegates: C. C. McKee, J. E. Smith.

DEPRIEST CHAPEL—Gattman, Miss.

E. W. Graves, pastor

C. R. Hollis, clerk

Deacons: J. T. Cox, C. R. Hollis, D. A. Williams, Clayton Knight.

Delegates: L. J. Lee, Joe Hollis, Myrl Heard, James Williams .

EAST TUPELO—East Tupelo, Miss.

L. C. Johnson, pastor

Mrs. Larue Marcy, clerk

Deacons: D. P. Marcy, W. G. Prude, L. E. Duncan, L. C. Bedford, C. C. Davidson.

Delegates: Paul Long, Wilma Stone, Arthur Bailey.

FAWN GROVE—Dorsey, Miss.

I. K. Boyett, pastor

Mrs. Novell Franks, clerk

Deacons: Bob Enloe, Bud Knight, Roy Brown, John Brown, Preston Yielding.

Delegates: Vona B. Morgan.

NEW GAULEY—Calhoun City, Miss.

George C. Lee, pastor

Mrs. Clyde Goodson, clerk

Deacons: W. A. Calder, W. H. Keenan, W. A. Calder.

Delegates: Mrs. Clyde Goodson, Mrs. Estelle Lee.

PEARCE'S CHAPEL—Smithville, Miss.

M. L. Hollis, pastor

C. L. Duncan, clerk

Deacons: F. R. Brook, W. R. Reedy, S. L. Cowley, W. W. Burrow, H. L. Francis.

Delegates: O O. Robison, Hollis Francis, Mrs. O. O. Robinson.

PLEASANT GROVE—Thaxton, Miss.

D. M. Smitherman, pastor

Jim Thomas, clerk

Deacons: Jim Thomas, J. V. Bennett, E. E. Stalnaker.

Delegates: Grace Stepp, Wayne Thomas, Wiliese Thomas.

PRICEVILLE—Tupelo, Miss., Rt. 2

L. Q. Larwood, pastor

Mrs. J. M. Haas, clerk

Deacons: H. A. Roberts, J. T. Alexander.

Delegates: Alma Houston, Ernie Russell, Edgar Millwood.

SPRINGDALE—Denmark, Miss.

George C. Lee, pastor

W. H. Fondren, clerk

Deacons: M. C. Boles, G. L. Dulin, Lonnie Cobb, Jodie Walker.

Delegates: Ed York, Mrs. Jodie Walker.

STETSON CHAPEL—Toccopola, Miss.

Grover Price, pastor

Mrs. J. J. Inmon, clerk

Deacons: L. M. May, J. C. Swaim.

Delegates:

UNION HILL—Mooreville, Miss.

J. S. Frederick, pastor

E. F. Harris, clerk

Deacons: J. M. Harris, D. B. Robins, E. F. Harris, Herman Keith.

Delegates: H. C. Price, Bessie Price, Frank Stanford.

MINISTER'S YEARLY REPORT

GREETINGS: To Northeast Mississippi Association of Free Will

Baptist, when convened with the _____ Church

on the _____ day of _____, 194____. It is with
true thankfulness of heart to God that I am able to make the following

report of my year's work, ending on the _____ day of

_____, 194____. I have preached _____ sermons;

visited _____ sick people; Baptized _____ Converts;

Received _____ people into church; Helped ordain _____

Ministers and _____ Deacons; Licensed _____ Ministers;

Preached _____ Commencement sermons and _____ Memorial

sermons; Pastored _____ Churches; Conducted _____

funerals. Received from churches pastored \$ _____; Received

\$ _____ for revival work; Total received for year \$ _____;

Traveled _____ miles.

Respectfully submitted,

CONSTITUTION

Section 1.—This organization shall be known as the North East Mississippi Association of Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of ministers, deacons, clerks, and delegates of the various churches of this Association.

Section 2.—The purpose of the Association shall be to bring together our churches throughout North Mississippi for a closer union among our people and the establishment of new churches in our state.

Section 3.—This Association shall be composed of churches of the above named territory together with like bodies of same Faith and Practice which may be hereafter admitted.

Section 4.—Each church shall be allowed three delegated representatives and they must be duly appointed by their church while in conference and bear credentials from the same to this body.

Section 5.—Visiting ministers and delegates may be seated as advisory members in this body.

Section 6.—It shall not be the purpose of this Association to usurp authority over the churches but to recommend such measures as would promote unity of action among the churches, to harmonize the efforts of individual churches to one another in their efforts to accomplish good, and make each other more proficient in their undertakings for good.

Section 7.—This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the yearly meeting at any session, notice of such intended alterations having been given in writing and recorded at the next previous session.

Section 8.—There shall be an ordaining council, elected by the Association, to inquire into, and examine each applicant for ordination to preach the Gospel of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and make recommendations to the Association for the ordination of said applicant. This council shall be composed of three ministers and two laymen.

RULES OF DECORUM

Section 1.—The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall be elected at the close of each session by a majority of the delegates present.

Section 2.—This Association shall hold its session annually beginning on Thursday and continue through Friday before the first Sunday in October.

Section 3.—The Moderator shall have the right to appoint all committees.

Section 4.—The Clerk shall have the right to supervise the printing of the minutes and shall be allowed \$10.00 for his service; Treasure, \$5.00; and Moderator, \$5.00, for their services.

Section 5.—No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the Moderator.

Section 6.—All members desiring to speak shall arise, address the Moderator, and personal reflection shall be avoided.

Section 7.—All motions made and seconded shall be open for discussion, but debate may be shut off at any time by a majority of the members of the Association.

Section 8.—If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member and the vote taken separately.

Section 9.—Motions made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

Section 10.—No one shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, and not more than ten minutes at a time; without special leave from the body.

Section 11.—All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 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.

Article 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 Spirit, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to supremely love, adore, and obey.

Article 3.—CHRIST—Is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

Article 4.—THE HOLY SPIRIT—The Scripture assigns to the Holy Spirit all attributes of God. He is the reprover, comforter, guide and sanctifier of men.

Article 5.—THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD—God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and the laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

Article 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.

Article 7.—**THE WORK OF CHRIST**—The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, death and resurrection affected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

Article 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 Saviour and Lord with purpose to live and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

Article 9.—**ELECTION**—God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

Article 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.

Article 11.—**SALVATION FREE**—God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will come and take the water of life freely.

Article 12.—**PERSEVERENCE**—All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

Article 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 administered to all true believers.

Article 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 as prospered him." (1 Cor. 16:2)

Article 15.—**THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH**—The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from peculiar employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

Article 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 ill unto the resurrection of damnation, then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.

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