

Mrs. Ola Mae Winters

MINUTES
OF THE
Forty-third Annual Session
OF THE
Northwest Brazos Association
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened With the
CROWELL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
CROWELL, TEXAS
August 28-31, 1952

Will Convene with the Amarillo Church on Thursday
Night Before the Last Sunday in August, 1953



MODERATOR	REV. H. H. HASTON
ASST. MODERATOR	REV. M. T. HOLLEY
CLERK	WILLIE B. NALL
ASST. CLERK	EUGENE HASTON
TREASURER	JERALDINE WARD

Preface

Long live the Forty-third Annual Session of the Northwest Brazos Association.

I can truly say the fellowship was great, and I would like to ask each member of our association to pray the Lord to give us a great revival and that peace will come to the world this year.

Please allow me to say to our preachers that our need today is not more machinery or organizations or any other methods, but men who the Holy Ghost can use, men of prayer, the preacher is more than his sermon. Dead men give out dead messages. Please let us as God's message bearers lay aside every weight, and be alive with the Holy Spirit.

Your humble servant,

REV. H. H. HASTON

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28th

Moderator called Association to order by class songs led by Pauline Wheeler. "You'll Reap What You Sow" and "I'll Just Steal Away and Pray." Prayer by Rev. B. R. Nall. Song by small children. "Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Motion carried that we go into the organization of our Association.

Church letters called for, read, accepted and delegates seated. Vernon, Memphis, Crowell and Benjamin responded. Reports as follows:

Report of Memphis Church—

Pastor, Rev. Heber Johnson. Delegates, Sisters T. H. Gilchrest and Willie Johnson.

Value of Church Property	\$2,500.00
No. of Members	16
Number of Sunday School	30
Paid Pastor	\$460.50
Building Repairs	\$836.70
Total in Church and S. S. Treasury	\$81.10

Report of Crowell Church—

Pastor, Rev. H. H. Haston. Delegates, Sisters Pauline Wheeler, Bros. Charlie Hinkle, Jodie Brown and Clyde Bee-singer.

Number of Members	68
Paid Pastor	\$672.50
Evangelist	\$200.00
Repair of Church	\$129.95
Other Expense	\$113.52
Janitor	\$52.00
Orphan Home	45.85
Utilities	\$39.56
Charity	\$93.10
Education	\$124.42
Value of Church Property	\$3,000.00
Total Expense	\$1,470.90

Report of Vernon Church—

Pastor, Rev. W. W. Winters. Delegates, Sisters Ola Mae Winters, Pauline Knight and Bro. R. G. Stepheson.

Value of Church Property	\$2,200.00
Number of Members	58
Number Baptized	7 ✓
Number in Sunday School	47
Number Received This Year	23 ✓
Number in League	27
Paid Pastor	\$253.17
Paid Evangelist	\$160.91
Foreign Missions	\$45.00
Utilities	\$53.80 ✓
S. S. Literature	\$38.88
Flowers	\$25.20
Janitor	\$96.00
Christmas Expense	\$24.47
Total Income	\$1,066.39
Total Expense	\$936.71
In Treasury	\$129.68

Report of Amarillo Church—

Pastor, Rev. James F. Minor. Delegates, Sisters Pearl Kerr and Addie Lee Jones

Number of Members	73 ✓
Number Received This Year	55 ✓
Baptized	6
Number in Sunday School	74
Paid Pastor	\$300.00
Evangelist	\$383.67
Building Repairs	\$6,200.00
Publication	\$160.93
Superannuation	\$90.00

Report of Benjamin Church—

Pastor, Rev. B. R. Nall. Delegates, Sisters Roland Bee-singer and Edith Ward.

Value of Church Property	\$2,500.00
Number of Members	17
Number Baptized	1 ✓
Number in Sunday School	30

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Building Expense	\$476.46
Seats	\$36.00
Air Conditioner	\$96.03
Flowers	\$20.00
Utilities	\$33.02
Literature	\$18.75
Other Expense	\$10.00

Odessa Church—no report

Seagraves Church—No report

Hand of fellowship given to ministers and delegation while congregation sang "Victory In Jesus."

Moderator read rules of order and church covenant.

Motion carried that moderator have power to appoint all committees needed during Association.

Pulpit committee appointed. Bro. Bill Beesinger, Bro. Charlie Hinkle, and Sister T. H. Gilcrest.

Motion carried that 10 o'clock be our meeting time on Friday.

Motion carried that we adjourn business for service hour.

Song by class, "I'll Be Satisfied." Prayer by Rev. J. R. Wooten. Special song by June Johnson.

Moderator, Rev. H. H. Haston brought evening message. Text Isaiah 1-18. Basic scripture Romans 12th chapter.

Pulpit committee reported that Rev. J. R. Wooten bring devotional and Rev. Heber Johnson bring 11 o'clock message on Friday.

Dismissed by Rev. M. T. Holley.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 O'CLOCK

Service started with songs by congregation: "What a Gathering That Will Be" and "Heavenly Sunlight." Prayer by Sister Winters.

Moderator read scripture, 8th chapter of Psalms. Moderator gave list of committees. See list of committees.

Resolution: Rev. M. T. Holley, Rev. Heber Johnson, Bro. G. R. Webster.

Home Missions: Rev. B. R. Nall, Bro. Clyde Beesinger, Sister Ola Mae Winters.

Temperance: Rev. R. G. Stephenson, Rev. Jim Rogers, Sister Roland Beesinger .

Obituary: Bro. A. C. Hinkle, Bro. Jodie Brown, Sister Willie Johnson.

Sunday School: Sisters Pauline Knight, Edith Ward.

Orphanage: Sister W. W. Winters.

Statistical: Pauline Wheeler.

Foreign Missions: Rev. M. T. Holley.

Superannuation: Rev. B. R. Nall.

Christian Education: Rev. W. W. Winters.

Auxiliary: Sisters T. H. Gilchrest, Addie Lee Jones.

League: Sisters Willie Johnson, Pearl Kerr.

Rules of order read by Moderator. Minutes read and approved up to this time. Rev. M. T. Holley and Rev. B. R. Nall requested that a write up be turned in of Bro. John Haston's death.

Rev. M. T. Holley presented a request from Bro. J. B. Estes that he be removed from the executive board on account of his wife's health

Time set for afternoon service 1:30 o'clock. Dismissed for recess by Rev. H. H. Haston.

Service hour began with songs: "Away Over Yonder" and "There Is a Fountain". Prayer by Sister T. H. Gilchrest. Rev. J. R. Wooten gave devotional scripture Acts 18th chapter. Then Rev. Heber Johnson brought message on 4th chapter of Matthew.

Pulpit committee that Rev. R. G. Stephenson have the afternoon service. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. R. G. Stephenson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30

Service started with songs by congregation, "It Is Joy Unspeakable" and "Some Day." Prayer by Bro. W. O. Kennedy. Moderator read 1st Psalms before going into business.

In the last quarterly meeting the resolution that ministers' and deacons' wives do not have a voice was tabled and sent to the yearly meeting. Motion carried that the resolution be rescinded. Ministers' and deacons' wives do not have a voice.

Committee reports called for, read and accepted. Reports as follows: Obituary, We, your obituary committee, are sorry to report that the Memphis church has lost one beloved laborer, Rev. J. B. Therson. He had been ordained for 40 years to preach the gospel. He was 64 years old. The Friendship Church of Benjamin also lost a good worker from their midst. Bro. John Haston of Chalk, Texas. He was a member of the Free Will Baptist Church and was ordained in 1916 as a deacon as long as health permitted, he led an active christian life. He contributed greatly in the little church at Benjamin. He passed away in June of 1952. He was loved and missed by all who knew him. Bro. and Sister Bud Chapman from the Crowell church lost a baby girl. Our loss is Heaven's gain.

Bro. A. C. Hinkle
Jodie Brown
Willie Johnson

Sunday School Report: We, your S. S. Committee, report that we have a membership of 264 with regular attendance with good interest shown each Sunday.

Sister Edith Ward
Sister Pauline Knight

Statistical Report: We have 6 churches in the Northwest Brazos Association. We have 116 new members and 116 old members. Our Sunday School enrollment is 236. We have 6 ordained deacons, 9 ordained ministers, and 1 licensed minister. Church property valued at \$19,000.

Pauline Wheeler

Temperance Report: We, the Temperance Committee, resolve to be temperate in all worldly amusements. We are

born of the spirit and should live by the spirit, and avoid all worldly amusement which pertains to lust. We, as christians should live as an example to our fellowman. Alcohol is a brightly lighted street leading to destruction. We should abstain from this at all times.

Rev. Jim Rogers
Rev. R. G. Stephenson
Roland Beesinger

League Report: We, the League Committee, report that Vernon and Amarillo so far are the only churches in the Association to have an organized league, and we believe that Sunday Schools and Leagues are the building of a church. We should have League rallies which would create more interest in the teen-age groups, causing them to grow more active in the church work. The Vernon League has 27 members of which we are proud. We trust that more leagues can be organized next year, and in the years ahead we can look forward to a League's encampment in this Association.

Mrs. Ola Mae Winters
Mrs. Addie Lee Jones

Orphanage Report: I am happy to report our churches have sent \$56.60 to the Orphan's Home. I suggest that each church in the Association send a special offering on Christmas to the Home.

Mrs. Ola Mae Winters

Home Mission Report: We, your Home Mission Committee, report that our churches are getting more mission-minded. We are for home mission work and would like the body to adopt some plan that we might carry out home mission work strong enough that we could lead more lost souls to Christ. Let us pray harder than ever before.

Sister Ola Mae Winters
Bro. Clyde Beesinger
Rev. B. R. Nall

Auxiliary Report: We, your Auxiliary Committee, report that the Amarillo church has the only active Auxiliary in the Association just now. They had 14 members and their first project was to pay for the piano for the church. At

this time they have 21 members. They had 2 bake sales and sponsored the Stamps Ozark Quartet. They paid \$100.00 on piano and have \$60.00 in the treasury. God has blessed them in this work. The Memphis church plans to get its Auxilliary going to work soon. As you committee, I would say that the Auxilliary is a fine organization, and if possible, each church should have one.

Mrs. T. H. Gilcrest

Christian Education: In training our children to be more spiritual minded, we should as older Christians set the right example before them in all walks of life. In their reading, talking and social life, we should provide them with cleanest material possible. We should provide for them clean entertainment. If we, as older Christians, don't do this the outside world will, for its amusements are always open.

We, ourselves, must have faith in God and not care for the things of the world. With faith in God and prayers of the Christians we can help them carry the work on. This is my sincere prayer.

Mrs. Ola Mae Winters

Superannuation: A fund for superannuation is important as we have retired ministers all over the state, and before many years our Association will have ministers unable to preach any longer. It would mean a lot to them if we as a christian people would stand by with a little help with their financial burdens. After all, the retired ministers of today cleared the path yesterday for us to carry on.

Rev. B. R. Nall

Foreign Missions Report was to be made by Rev. Holley, but taking sick Bro. Holley had to go home. Moderator H. H. Haston gave his report stressing the importance of Foreign Mission work. Also he suggested that we patronize our Free-Will Baptist publications and literature.

Discussion brought forward as to what to do with the money the Association sent for last year's delegates and was not used. Motion was carried that the money be sent back to the church which gave it.

Motion carried that Bro. Holley and Bro. Johnson find out how much the expense for the state delegates will be and write each church about the expense it will need.

Moderator explained the duties of the executive-board. Motion carried that Rev. W. W. Winters fill in for 3 years instead of Bro. J. B. Estes.

Motion carried that we adjourn business until 7:45 to-night.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. B. R. Nall bring evening message.

Motion carried we dismiss for 10 minutes recess. Dismissed by Rev. Heber Johnson.

After recess congregation sang "I'll Live On" and "I Am Thine, Oh Lord." Prayer by Bro. Bill Beesinger. At this point Rev. R. G. Stephenson took charge of service for afternoon message, scripture 8th chapter of John, 15th and 16th verses. After message moderator asked for song, "Glory Land Away." Then the congregation gave way to a wonderful testimony service which was very inspirational. Dismissed until 7:45 by Willie B. Nall.

FRIDAY, 7:45

Congregation came together by songs, "Where We'll Never Grow Old" and "You'll Reap What You Sow". Prayer by Rev. Heber Johnson. Song by little folks, "Kneel At the Cross." Prayer by Rev. J. R. Wooten. Devotional by Bro. Churchill, scripture 32nd chapter Psalms, followed by testimony service.

Rev. B. R. Nall brought evening message, 2nd chapter of Mark.

Pulpit Committee reported that Rev. M. T. Holley bring 11 o'clock message on Saturday and Sister Winters bring devotional. Dismissed by Rev. H. H. Haston.

SATURDAY MORNING

Service started by songs, "Twilight Is Stealing" and "Won't It Be Wonderful There." Prayer by Sister Roland Beesinger. Moderator read 3rd and 4th verses of the 9th chapter of Daniel. Minutes read and approved up to this time.

Discussion of minutes to be printed followed. Motion carried to have 125 copies of Minutes printed and if the unrepresented churches wanted any we could add more. Decided to print 150.

Motion carried to give our printing committee absolute power as to where they would have the minutes printed.

Motion carried that Rev. B. R. Nall, Willie B. Nall and Rev. W. W. Winters be our printing committee. Motion carried that the committee write each church clerk as to their amount so that they can send money in.

Motion carried for 10 minute recess. Dismissed by Rev. Heber Johnson. After recess congregation sang, "A Home Up In Heaven." Prayer by Pauline Wheeler. Sister Winters came forward for devotional, scripture 14th chapter of John. As Brother Holley was sick, Bro. E. J. Ward followed Sister Winters with a talk from 1st chapter of John, 8th verse. Moderator gave invitation call. One girl came forward saying that she felt the call of God for the ministry. Prayer led by Willie B. Nall.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Johnson.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Service started with songs and prayer by Sister Gilchrest.

Motion carried that the next quarterly meeting go to Benjamin in November. Motion carried that Rev. B. R. Nall be quarterly moderator, Rev. Heber Johnson the assistant.

Motion carried that we meet for our next annual association on Thursday night before the last Sunday in August.

Motion carried that our next annual meeting go to Amarillo.

Motion carried that Sisters Sybil Gilchrest and Mae Haston be our state delegates at the meeting in Buffalo Springs, Texas on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in November.

Report called for from our Association treasurer. Dismissed for recess by Rev. B. R. Nall. After recess, service started with songs. Prayer by Bro. E. J. Ward.

Motion carried that Jeraldine Ward be our Association treasurer.

Motion carried that Willie B. Nall be our Association clerk and Sister Eunice Haston our assistant.

Motion carried that Rev. H. H. Haston be our yearly moderator. Rev. M. T. Holley the assistant moderator.

Sister Eunice Haston brought devotional for afternoon. Scripture 67th Psalm. Sister Winters sang special song, "Ready". Prayer by Sister Haston. Bro. Bill Beesinger followed with more scripture, 24th chapter of Matthew.

Special song by Vivian and Joy Ward "I'll Be Listening,"

Special song by Bro. and Sister E. J. Ward, "Glory Bound Train."

Special song by Sister Winters, "Hand In Hand With Jesus."

Hand of fellowship given to newly ordained candidates. mittee reported that Rev. H. H. Haston preach the ordination sermon. Motion carried that we adjourn business until our next annual meeting. Dismissed by Bro. Jodie Brown.

SATURDAY, 7:45

Service started with songs and prayer by Rev. W. W. Winters. Rev. H. H. Haston brought ordination sermon from 6th chapter of Isaiah and 3rd chapter of Timonthy.

Candidates for ordaining, Ministers Rev. R. G. Stephenson, Rev. G. G. Garrett; Deacons Bro. W. O. Kennedy, Bro. Bill Beesinger; Licensed Deacons, O. B. Hickey, Alton Hickey, and Loy Lee Knight.

Presbytery for ordaining: Rev. H. H. Haston, Rev. Heber Johnson and Rev. B. R. Nall.

Hand of fellowship given to newly ordained candidates. Done in conference of the yearly Association, August 30, 1952.

Moderator H. H. Haston
Clerk Willie B. Nall

LIST OF MINISTERS IN OUR ASSOCIATION

Rev. T. P. Curly	Address Unknown
Rev. G. G. Garrett.....	Gen. Del., Vernon, Texas
Rev. R. G. Stephenson.....	Gen. Del., Vernon, Texas
Rev. J. E. Rogers	Gen. Del., Vernon, Texas

Rev. W. W. Winters Box 488, Vernon, Texas
 Rev. B. R. Nall Gen. Del., Benjamin, Texas
 Rev. W. D. Haston Armed Forces
 Rev. T. L. Florence Canyon, Texas
 Rev. Troy Harp 704 Monroe, Amarillo, Texas
 Rev. Omer Jones 713 N. E. 6th, Amarillo, Texas
 Rev. James F. Minor 900 N. Johnson, Amarillo, Texas
 Rev. Heber Johnson Gen. Del., Memphis, Texas
 Sister Lelia Estes 1401 West Noel, Memphis, Texas
 Rev. J. R. Wooten 1303 Oakland, Plainview, Texas
 Rev. M. T. Holley New Deal, Texas
 Rev. E. A. Hobbs Odessa, Texas
 Rev. H. H. Haston Rte. 2, Paducah, Texas
 Rev. R. V. Jones Address Unknown

LIST OF DEACONS

Bro. Bill Beesinger Crowell, Texas
 Bro. E. J. Ward Childress, Texas
 Bro. A. C. Hinkle Crowell, Texas
 Bro. J. W. Golden Crowell, Texas
 Bro. G. R. Webster Crowell, Texas
 Bro. W. O. Kennedy Vernon, Texas
 Bro. J. B. Estes Memphis, Texas
 Bro. Howard Gilchrest Memphis, Texas
 Bro. L. K. Kerr Amarillo, Texas
 Bro. B. F. Hardin Amarillo, Texas
 Bro. Alex Allison Amarillo, Texas
 Bro. J. H. Brannon Amarillo, Texas
 Bro. Waymon Keys Amarillo, Texas

LICENSED DEACONS: Bros. O. B. and Alton Hickey,
 Vernon, Texas; Bro. Loy Lee Knight, Vernon, Texas.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Every session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Those who speak shall rise and address the Moderator.
Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.
3. No motion shall be disucced without a second.
4. When a motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be separated by vote on request of any member.

5. Motion lost shall not be recorded.
6. No one shall speak more than twice on any subject without leave of the Moderator.
7. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
8. No one shall leave the association without permission of the Moderator.
9. Arrangements shall be made for two or more sermons each day of the Association, or other equivalent services.
10. The Rules of Order shall be read by the Moderator immediately after the organization of the Association.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and these are equal in Divine Essence, Power and Glory. Rom. 1:20; John 1:1.
2. We believe that Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written and revealed Word of God and infallible rules of faith and practice. II Tim. 3:16,17.
3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy; but that he voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same, whereby all mankind are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall of Adam, and that man is not able to save himself; but we see Jesus, for the suffering of death, crowned with glory that He, by the Grace of God, tasted death for every man. Matt. 1:21; Heb. 2:9.
4. We believe that Christ, by His burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the condition of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He sayeth, "Look upon Me and be saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else." Matt. 4:17; Isa. 45:22; Acts 20:21; Acts 17:30.
5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the spirit of God if they inherit eternal life. John 3:3; Rom. 5:1-13.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God. Jonah 4:11; Mark 10:14; Luke 18:10.

7. We believe that all Christians persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life, for blessed are they that do His commandments, that they may have right to the Tree of Life and enter in through the gates of the city. Rev. 22:14.

8. We believe that baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water, and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to His children and bid us walk therein. John 2:22; Matt. 3:16; Rom. 6:2-5; Matt. 28:15-20.

9. We believe that God, in His goodness, displays His powers of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teachings of the Holy Ghost and by the instruction of His blessed word to go forth and preach life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own rejection and sinful refusal to come. 1 Cor. 12:3; Eph. 3:8; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

10. Sec. 1. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saints' feet to be gospel ordinances. John 13:4, 5.

Section 2. We believe the keeping of the Lord's Day holy and abstaining from worldly lust and carnal cares, and the assembling ourselves together in an ornament which prepares and beautifies the Soldiers of the Cross to march on in the army of the Lord. Matt. 26:28.

11. We believe that none have a right to baptism only those who have living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have a right to administer the ordinances, only those who are called of God and have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons and clerk chosen by the church, and continue the same in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members reference should be made to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous. Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month, and it is the duty of the pastor when setting forth the Lord's Supper and washing the Saints' feet to invite all Christians. Heb. 10:26; 1 Cor. 11:27, 28.

1. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both just and unjust—the resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God. The unjust to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God. II Thess. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:10 and 11:12; John 19:26.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experience, we, the Church of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate union and communion amongst us, and to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other, and we do hereby adopt this Constitution for our church government.

1. The Association shall be composed of delegates chosen by the different churches in our union and not exceeding four from each church, and, on producing letters, shall be entitled to seat.

2. Letters from the different churches shall express their number of members, number received by experience, letter of recommendation, dismissed, excluded, restored, and those who have died since our last Association.

3. The members thus chosen to be denominated the Northwest Brazos Association of Free Will Baptists.

4. This body shall have no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have ecclesiastical power over churches, reserving the right of withdrawing from any church becoming disorderly. However, the Association shall have the power, for good cause, to revoke the license or credentials of any minister, licensed or ordained by any church within its jurisdiction, and to exclude the delegates from its session when they, or church, become disorderly or fail to keep good report.

5. The Association to have a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, chosen by vote of members present.

6. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which shall petition by letter and delegates, and if, upon examination, they be found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association, the body extending the hand of fellowship.

7. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has first been discussed in its own church.

8. Every oral motion, seconded, shall come under the consideration of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the members who made it.

9. The Clerk shall assign each church its quota of minutes.

10. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book kept for that purpose.

11. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk and fore the close of the Association.

12. No amendment shall be made to this Constitution without first being adopted by three-fourth of the churches in the Association.

19. The Presbytery is composed of all ordained authorities in the Association. Any three members of the Presbytery may ordain a minister to preach the Gospel.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, through Jesus Christ, and adopted the foregoing practice as our confession of faith we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God and agree to the following Church Covenant:

1. We solemnly covenant before God that we will strive, by His assisting grace, to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice. We covenant and agree as members of the church and as Christians to watch over each other in love for the mutual upbuilding of the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, to be careful of each other's reputation, to confess our faults one to another, to strengthen the feeble and kindly admonish the erring, and to labor together for

the upbuilding of the church, the denomination and the salvation of sinners.

2. We promise that we will faithfully and constantly maintain family prayer and religiously instruct those under our care.

3. We covenant and agree to use our influence to sustain the regular public worship of God, contributing according to our ability and circumstances for the support of the ministry and other church expenses among us that we will be benevolent to the needy, and especially to the poor of the church.

4. We promise that as far as we shall be able we will attend upon public worship and the social meetings of the church and regularly report ourselves at monthly conferences, and that we will walk in all the ordinances of the Lord's House.

5. And we shall covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and simple conformities to the world, that we will not traffic in the use, nor furnish to others, intoxicating beverages, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination as missions, education, Sabbath schools, moral reform, and all others that tend to the glory of God and the welfare of men. And may the God of Peace sanctify us Holy, preserve us blameless until the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in ascribing blessings, honor and glory and power to Him that sitteth on the throne and the lamb, forever. Amen.



