

MINUTES
of The
Fourty-fourth Annual Session
of The
Northwest Brazos Association
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Convened With the
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
of
AMARILLO, TEXAS

August 27-29, 1953

Will convene with the Odessa Church on Thursday
Night before the last Sunday in August, 1954.

MODERATOR REV. E. A. HOBBS
ASST. MODERATOR REV. H. H. HASTON
CLERK BERNICE HUCKEBA
ASST. CLERK EUNICE HASTON
TREASURER OLA MAE WINTERS

Thursday, August 27th

Program opened by congregational singing: "Power In the Blood." Prayer by Bro. Ed Hobbs. Moderator read 8th chapter of Psalms for devotion: "What Is Man That Thou Art Mindful of Him?" Prayer by Bro. Minor.

Motion carried that we go into conference. Church letters called for. Six churches came forward. Amarillo First Church, Crowell, Vernon, Memphis, Odessa and Amarillo Second. Letters read and accepted. Delegates seated and hand of fellowship given to ministers and delegation. Reports as follows:

REPORT OF AMARILLO FIRST CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. James T. Minor; delegates, D. K. Taylor, Walter Baker, Tola Huddleston.

No. of Members	109
Members Received This Year.....	50
No. Baptised	25
No. Dismissed	18
No. Died	None
State of religion good. Condition of prayer meeting good.	
Condition of Sunday School good.	
Average No. of Pupils	95
No. of Officers	9
No. of Teachers	7
Paid Pastor	\$882.12
Paid Evangelist	\$219.08
Home Missions	\$ 16.57
Foreign Missions	None
Building and Repairs	\$2,506.51
Education	\$76.10
Publication	\$63.12
Superannuation	None
Enclosed for Minutes	\$15.00
Total	\$3,978.50

Pastor's name and address: Rev. James F. Minor, 900 North Johnson, Amarillo, Texas. Value of church property, \$20,000.-00.

REPORT OF MEMPHIS CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. Heber Johnson. Succeeding pastor, Rev. J. R. Wooten. Delegates, Sisters Mavis Freeman, Ima Lee Gilchrest.

State of religion good. Condition of Sunday School good.

No. of Members	20
Members Received This Year	3
No. Dismissed	2
No. Died	None
Paid Pastor	\$458.95
Paid Calvary	\$15.00
Utilities	44.80
Amount Sent to Quarterly Meetings	\$12.00
Paid to State Association	\$10.00
Total	\$540.75
Sunday School—paid out	\$55.33
In Treasury	\$18.09

REPORT OF ODESSA CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. E. A. Hobbs. Delegates, Bro. and Sister Nolan Robinson, Sister Bernice Huckeba.

State of Religion	Good
Total Members	77
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Condition of Sunday School	Good
Average No. in Sunday School	58
No. of Officers	3
No. of Teachers	6
Members Received This Year	43
No. Dismissed	2
No. Died	None
No. Baptised	23
Paid Pastor	\$1,426.50
Education	416.35
Publication	79.85
Building	1,179.29
Miscellaneous Items	476.69
Church Debt	2,091.55
Evangelist	226.50

Utilities	364.18
Church Insurance	36.71
Enclosed for Minutes	5.00
Total	\$6,302.62
Value of Church Property	\$10,000.00

REPORT OF CROWELL CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. H. H. Haston, Paducah, Texas, Route 2. Delegates, Sisters Jeffie Webster and Roland Beesinger.

Value of Church Property	\$4,000.00
Total No. of Members	75
Average No. of Sunday School	45
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good
Paid Pastor	\$ 697.38
Building Repair	361.00
Utilities	73.98
Janitor	53.00
Education	\$51.86
Evangelist	119.30
Other Expenses	34.62
Total	\$1,391.14

REPORT OF VERNON CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. W. W. Winters, Vernon, Texas. Delegates, Sisters Ola Mae Winters and Pauline Knight.

Value of Church Property	\$2,200.00
No. of Members	62
Condition of Church	Good
Members Received This Year	9
No. Dismissed	5
No. Baptised	2
No. Died	None
Condition of League and Sunday School	Good
Average No. in Sunday School	30
No. Officers	2
No. Teachers	5
No. in League	15
Paid Pastor	\$ 624.25
Paid Evangelist	100.00

Home Missions	33.00
Foreign Missions	24.00
Buildings and Repairs	332.70
Janitor	96.00
Literature	55.59
Christmas Expenses	29.31
Total Expense	\$1,294.85
Total Income	1,323.15
In Treasury	28.10
In Building Fund	\$ 345.40

REPORT OF AMARILLO SECOND CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. W. T. Harp, 1415 Trigg Street, Amarillo, Texas. Delegates, Sisters Juanita Kerr, Odie Harp, Viola Harp.

Condition of Church	Good
No. of Members	20
No. Baptised	1
No. Dismissed	None
No. Died	None
Prayer Meeting and Sunday School	Fair
Average No. of Pupils	25
No. of Officers	3
No. of Teachers	3
Paid Pastor	None
Paid Evangelist	\$40.00
Home Missions	None
Foreign Missions	None
Building and Repairs	None
Education	None
Publication	\$8.50
Enclosed for Minutes	3.00

Total Paid Out.....	\$51.50
---------------------	---------

Moderator read rules of order. Motion carried that moderator be given power to appoint an assistant moderator. Bro. Minor appointed. Motion carried that moderator appoint pulpit committee. Bros. Robinson, D. K. Taylor, and J. B. Estes appointed.

Motion carried that we meet at 9:45 Friday morning.

Pulpit committee reported that Bro. Nolan Robinson bring morning service followed by Sister Lelia Estes. Sermon by Bro. Haston. 17th Chap. of St. John: The Hour Is Come, God Needs Laborers. Dismissed by Bro. Nolan Robinson.

Friday Morning

Song by congregation, I Am Thine, O Lord. Prayer by Sister Lou Blackwood. Congregation song, There is a Fountain Filled With Blood. List of committees given out: Obituary: Sister Nolan Robinson, Sister Jeffie Webster, Sister Odie Harp. Resolutions: Rev. E. Hobbs, Rev. James Minor, Rev. Troy Harp; Orphanage: Ola Mae Winters, Sybil Gilchrest, Walter Baker. Sunday School: Mavis Freeman, Roland Beesinger. Temperance: Viola Harp, Pauline Knight. Home Mission: Sister Heckebea, D. K. Taylor. Auxiliary: Tola Huddleston, Ola Mae Winters, Roland Beesinger. League: H. H. Bradshaw, Sister Estes.

Moderator stated that Bro. Nolan Robinson would be licensed at close of evening service. Moderator read church covenant. Motion made and seconded we send the number that will be sent to each association. Motion carried. Bro. Minor asked each church to send in news items to be put in bulletin to be sent to each church so we could keep in touch with each other and go forward for God. News to be sent to Bro. Minor the first of each month. Motion made and seconded we meet back in afternoon at 1:30. Motion carried

Song by congregation, The Son Hath Made Me Free.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn business for preaching service. Motion carried.

Congregation song, Home of the Soul, The Gloryland Way.

Prayer by Bro. Kerr.

Message by Bro. Nolan Robinson. Scripture read, Ephesians 6:17-20. Text taken from Matt. 1:21, And she shall bring forth a Son. Thou shalt call his name Jesus for he

shall be a Saviour of the world.

Congregation song, "I'm Not Ashamed."

Message by Sister Leila Estes. Scripture, Matt. 3:1-2.

Congregational song, "Hide You In the Blood." Dismissed by Bro. Minor.

Afternoon Session

Congregation song, "We'll Work When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder."

Special song by Sister Ola Mae Winters, "Ready." Special by Bro. Ed Hobbs, "I Need the Prayers of Those I Love."

Moderator read scripture from second chapter of Mark.

Cooperate with each other.

Two more committees appointed—Superannuation: Bro. J. B. Estes, Statistical: Bro. L. K. Kerr.

Committee reports called for read and accepted, reports as follows: Sunday School. We, your S. S. committee, are happy to report there is an average of 268 in S. S. in the association. Each church reported good interest in their S. S. We trust there will be more added to our S. S. the coming year. (Mavis Freeman, Sister Roland Beesinger.)

Obituary: We, the obituary committee, are happy to state that there have been no deaths the past year in the church reporting. (Sister Nolan Robinson, Sister Jeffie Webster.)

Home Missions: We, your Home Missions committee are glad to report that our churches have sent \$76.55 to Home Missions. Let each church in the association resolve to donate more to Home Missions to further the cause of Christ, and each church report by letter to the quarterly and annual meeting. Christ wasn't willing that any should perish. Let us be more Christ-like. (Brother D. K. Taylor, Sister Bernice Huckleba.)

League: We, the League Committee, report that Vernon, Amarillo (first) and Odessa are the only Leaguers in this Association. The Vernon league has 15 members. The Odessa league has 39 members with the average attendance of

32. Amarillo (first) has 74 members with the average attendance of 60. Amarillo invites the other leaguers for a rally at the earliest opportunity. We believe the League is the training of our Free Will Baptist of tomorrow. (Rev. H. H. Bradshaw, Sister Leila Estes.)

Temperance: We, the Temperance Committee, resolve to live a life not to offend the lives of those, our brothers in Christ, also to abstain from all worldly amusements which might prevent us from being soul winners for Christ.

We resolve to abide by Romans 14; 19-21, Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another. For meat destroy not the work of God. All things indeed are pure but it is evil for that man who eateth with offense. It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor anything whereby thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak. (Sister Pauline Knight, Sister Viola Harp.)

Auxiliary: We, your Auxiliary Committee, report two auxiliaries, Amarillo (first) has 25 members earned \$643.34. Paid out \$703.88. Gave 6 food showers. The Odessa church has 16 members. Made \$152.00 on Scrap drives. Gave Bro. Hobbs \$100.00. Paid \$75 on Baptistry, \$45 for song books. We, your Auxiliary Committee, think this is a great work, trust more auxiliaries will be organized. (Sister Tola Hudleston, Sister Ola Mae Winters, Sister Roland Beesinger.)

RESOLUTIONS—

No. 1 We, the Resolutions Committee, resolve that this association go on record that we reject the new Bible and a copy of this resolution be sent to the State Association.

No. 2. We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that at our next annual association, that on Wednesday before the association convenes that the day be given to the League in order that they might come together to organize a League in the association. We feel that this will encourage our young people to do better League work.

No. 3. We, the Resolutions Committee, recommend that at our next annual association, that on Thursday before the association convenes that the day be given to the Ladies Aux-

iliary in order that they might come together to organize a Ladies Auxiliary of the association. We feel that this will encourage auxiliary work.

No. 4. We recommend that all our churches in this association put forth more evangelistic effort for the upbuilding of God's work. (Rev. James F. Minow, Rev. Ed Hobbs.)

Moderator requested that the association send 2 delegates to State Association. Motion made and seconded that moderator appoint two delegates to go to state association. Motion carried. Sister Minor and Sister Winters appointed. The state association will convene Tuesday nite before 1st Sunday in November at Bryan, Texas. Motion made and seconded we adjourn business to meet again at 7:45.

Went into devotional service by congregational singing, "I'll Live In Gloryland Some Day."

Prayer by Sister Roland Beesinger.

Brother Bradshaw brought message in, Faith With Works.

Congregation song, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

Bro. Hobbs brought message giving the charge of ministers to Bro. Nolen Robinson.

Licensing committee: Bro. James Minor, Bro. Ed Hobbs, Bro. H. H. Haston.

Prayer by Bro. Minor. Licenses presented by Bro. Haston. Dismissed by Bro. J. B. Estes.

7:45—Evening

Opening songs, "I'll Love My Saviour Too", "I'm Going That Way."

Prayer by Bro. Hobbs.

Song by congregation, "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian."

Special by Bro. and Sister Walter Baker, "Jesus of Nazareth."

Song by congregation, "I'll Fly Away."

Special by the Taylor family, "I'm Free Again."

Song by congregation, "Anywhere Is Home."

Prayer by Bro. Abbott.

Message by Bro. Minor. Scripture taken from 20th Chapter of John, 25th verse. Text, Where are the marks of the Cross.

Play by the First Church of Amarillo League, "The Challenge of the Cross."

Dismissed by Bro. D. K. Taylor.

Saturday Morning

Service opened by congregation singing, "When We All Get to Heaven", "Won't It Be Wonderful There" and "Where the Soul Never Dies."

Prayer by Sister Jeffie Webster.

Congregation song, "Sweeping Through the Gate."

Moderator brought devotional from 5th chapter of 2nd Cor., For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens.

Prayer by Bro. Minor.

Resolution No. 5 read and accepted, reported as following:

We, the resolutions committee, recommend that the West Brazos Association issue cards of good standing to all their licensed and ordained ministers, providing that each church will recommend to the executive committee those that are eligible for cards from their respective churches.

Rev. James F. Minor

Rev. E. A. Hobbs

Nominations now in order to nominate an executive member.

Bro. H. H. Haston nominated. Motion made and seconded that nominations cease and he be elected by acclamation, motion carried.

Orphanage committee read and tabled till this afternoon.

Statistical report read and accepted, read as follows: We have 6 churches reporting with a total membership of 362, 18 ministers, 23 deacons.

Ministers and Addresses—

Rev. James F. Minor, 900 N. Johnson	Amarillo
Rev. B. A. Nichols, 2711 E. 6th	Tulsa
Rev. H. H. Bradshaw, 430 S. Slope	Amarillo
Rev. A. D. Spangler, 4501 N. E. 8th	Amarillo
Rev. T. P. Curley	Tulsa
Rev. E. A. Hobbs, Box 6670	Odessa
Rev. Nolen Robinson, 622 Allred Street	Odessa
Rev. H. H. Haston, Rt. 2	Paducah
Rev. W. W. Winters, Box 1888	Vernon
Rev. G. G. Garrett, Box 89	Vernon
Rev. J. E. Rogers	Big Spring
Rev. R. G. Stevenson, Gen. Delivery	Vernon
Rev. B. R. Nall, Rt. 1	Seymour
Rev. Heber Johnson	Memphis
Rev. J. R. Wooten	Memphis
Rev. Sister Leila Estes, Box 102	Memphis
Rev. Troy Harp, 1415 Trigg	Amarillo
Rev. M. T. Holley, Box 149	New Deal

Deacons—

G. R. Webster	Crowell
J. W. Golden	
A. C. Hinkle	
Bill Beesinger	
S. E. Ogle	Odessa
Rowland Shinn	
R. E. Ziegler	
Ray Woods	
Claud Killian	
J. B. Estes	Memphis
H. C. Gilcrest	
Alex Allison	Amarillo
Ben Hardin	
J. H. Brannum	
Kenneth Walker	
Lois Kerr	Amarillo (Second)

W. O. Kennedy Vernon
C. R. Knight
Loy Lee Knight
O. B. Hickey
Alton Hickey
E. J. Ward from Benjamin Church,Childress

Motion made and seconded that moderator have power to appoint someone to find out the expense to the state association and let each church know what their part of the expenses will be.

Bro. Ken Walker was appointed.

The number of minutes for each church: Amarillo (First) 25, Odessa 25, Vernon 25, Crowell, 25, Amarillo (Second) 10, Memphis 12,. Suggested that we order 150 so that we could take care of the churches not reported.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn business till after the noon session. Motion carried.

Congregation song, "There'll Be Shouting."

Prayer by Sister Lou Blackwood.

Congregational songs, "A Soul Winner For Jesus", "Some Glad Day Praise Him."

Prayer by Bro. Nolen Robinson.

Sermon by Bro. A. D. Spangler.

Congregation song, "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Bro. Abbott brought message scripture, 2 Kings, chapter 7, 3 to 7. Text, Why Sit We Here Till We Die.

Congregation song, "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus."

Testimony service led by Bro. Haston.

Altar of prayer by request.

Congregation song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer."

Dismissed by Bro. Haston.

Afternoon Session

Service opened by singing "God Be With You."

Prayer by Sister Leila Estes.

Congregation song, "The Son Hath Made Me Free."

Orphanage report read and accepted, read as follows:

We, your orphanage committee, report there has been sent \$16.75 from First Church of Amarillo. We urge each church to take more part in this work. This is one way we can do a Christian work and help an underprivileged child. (Mrs. Ola Mae Winters, Mrs. T. H. Gilchrest, Walter Baker.)

Pulpit Committee—

We, the pulpit committee, wish to thank everyone in behalf of the association for the friendship and hospitality that has been shown in this meeting and the cooperation of all the churches in the association. We want to thank all of the ministers who have come our way, young and old alike. All delegates and all visitors alike and hope that each one will do all within their power to make the next meeting even better. (J. B. Estes, Nolen Robinson, D. K. Taylor.)

Motion made and seconded that we discharge all committees. Motion carried.

Printing Committee—

Motion made and seconded we elect Bro. and Sister Nall and Bro. Winters by acclamation. Motion carried.

Place for next quarterly meeting: Odessa 5, Vernon 2, Memphis 4, Crowell 2. Meeting will be at Odessa, convening on Friday night before the 5th (last) Sunday of November.

Nomination in order for moderator and assistant for quarterly. Bro. Hobbs nominated and Bro. Winters. Motion made and seconded that nominations cease and proceed to vote. Bro. Hobbs moderator and Bro. Winters assistant.

Next annual meeting: Odessa 8, Vernon 2, and Crowell 4. Voted to go to Odessa.

Officers for association nomination now in order for treas-

urer. Sister Winters nominated. Motion made and seconded nominations cease and be elected by acclamation. Motion carried.

Nomination now in order for moderator. The vote being, Bro. Haston 5, Bro. Hobbs 8 and Bro. Minor 5.

Motion made and seconded nominations cease and we proceed to vote. Motion carried. Bro. Hobbs elected. Bro. Minor and Bro. Haston nominated for assistant. Motion made and seconded nominations cease and proceed to vote. Motion carried. Bro. Haston assistant.

Nomination in order for clerk. Sister Huckeba. Motion made and seconded nominations cease and we elect by acclamation. Motion carried. Nomination in order for assistant clerk. Sister Haston nominated. Motion made and seconded that nomination cease and she was elected by acclamation.

Message by Bro. Robinson.

Congregation song, "Some Glad Day When Jesus Comes."

Minutes of the Association read. Motion made and seconded we accept minutes as read. Motion carried.

Motion made and seconded we adjourn to meet one year from our set day.

MODERATOR—Rev. H. H. Haston

CLERK—Bernice Huckeba

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 discussed 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.

Sec. 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. 1:15; 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.

13. 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 before the close of the Association.

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

13. 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.

