

MINUTES

of the

Seventy-Eighth Annual Meeting

of the

Old Mt. Zion Association

of

Freewill Baptists

Held with

MT. ZION CHURCH

Four Miles Northeast of Springdale, ^{Valley} Washington Co., Ark.

August 8th, 9th and 10th

1919

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Minutes of the Seventh-eighth annual meeting of the Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists, held with Mt. Zion Church, four miles northeast of Spring Valley, Washington County, Ark., on August 8th and 9th, 1919.

Called to order by Moderator Geo. Been at 10:30 a. m., Friday.

Introductory sermon well delivered by Elder G. C. Bland. Reading lesson: A portion of 1st Kings: Text, 1st Kings, 11:11, "Wherefore the Lord said unto Solomon, forasmuch as this is done of thee and thou has not kept my covenant and my statutes which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee and will give it to thy servant."

Prayer by Elder W. T. Webb.

After the sermon, we then proceeded to organize the Association. First, the letters from the churches composing the Association were called for and the following ones responded. Their letters were read and their delegates present invited to seats in conference.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Mt. Zion—A. H. Morriss, Sam Moriss and M. M. Puryear.

New Hope—Truman Allred, Dow Boydstun, and Everette Bland.

Hickory Grove—W. E. Lynch, T. P. Rogers, Claud Lynch.

Christian Home—H. Becker, Cuba Coger and William Gosvenor.

Coal Gap—S. L. McGinnis.

Clifty—F. C. Finn and T. B. Smith.

Christian Union—Rosa Wilkerson and G. W. Thornburg.

Hickory Flatt—Elder W. T. Webb, Riley Clardy and Annie Means.

Pilgrims Rest—Harry Wright, Henry Savage and Geo. Been.

Cottage Hill—L. S. Bowlin, C. L. Miles and Hern Archer.

Antioch—J. G. Wilson and E. M. Houston.

Lone Star—Alvin Cook and Perry Sandlin.

SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Union—D. W. Briley, Mrs. D. W. Briley, and R. P. Leatherberry.

New Mt. Zion—C. J. McNeel.

After this newly organized churches were called but none responded. Then a song was sung and the right hand of fellowship was extended, after which the Association was called into an election to elect a moderator and clerk for the coming year.

Bro. M. M. Puryear and Bro. W. E. Lynch were appointed election clerks. The delegates proceeded to vote by ballot and declared Elder G. C. Bland moderator and Sister Annie Means, clerk.

After the above declaration, the Rules of Order were read by the Moderator, after which he appointed the following committees:

Resolutions—Elders Geo. Been, J. G. Wilson and E. M. Houston.

Finance—Truman Allred, L. S. Bowlin and Hern Archer.

Preaching—Sam Morriss, Tom Smith and S. L. McGinnis.

Temperance—W. E. Lynch, Sister D. W. Briley, and Henry Savage.

Sabbath School—Harry Wright, Dow Boydstun, and Claud Lynch.

Obituary—A. C. Cook, D. W. Briley and C. L. Miles.

Union of Churches—E. S. England, J. H. Roberts, J. W. Allred.

While Committee on Preaching convened together, a call for new or unfinished business was made but there was no response.

Here the Committee on Preaching announced that Elders R. P. Leatherberry and J. W. Allred were selected to hold services Friday night, after which the Association moved for an adjournment until 4:30 p. m. Then a song was sung and concluding prayer by Bro. J. H. P. Jones.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, the Association was called to order by Moderator Eld. G. C. Bland. The roll was called and a majority found present.

A motion was passed that when delegates from the churches were not present, they could be supplied by members of their respective churches who were present. They are as follows:

Christian Union—Rosa Wilkerson and G. W. Thornsburg.

Hickory Flatt—Elder W. T. Webb, Riley Clardy, Annie Means.

Christian Home—Cuba Coger and William Gosvenor.

The Moderator called for reports from the non-represented churches, and received verbal reports from Elds. J. H. Roberts, W. T. Webb, Geo. Been, and Bro. G. W. Thornsburg.

Elder J. H. Roberts stated that he had received encouragement from Sugar Creek Church and that they desired a series of meetings at that place. Bro. J. H. Roberts and J. W. Allred were selected to hold a series of meeting there the coming year.

Elds. Geo. Been and W. T. Webb stated that when their opportunity for visiting churches came they were entirely checked by the many hindrances arising from the great sweep of influenza over the country. Bro. Thornburg's report was received and he was discharged from the committee. Elds. Geo. Been and W. T. Webb were retained on the committee.

Eld. W. T. Webb also made a favorable verbal report from the State Association, declaring that they were in harmony and good standing.

After the above reports, a motion was passed that Saturday 11:00 o'clock services be devoted to the memory of our deceased, after which a motion was passed that we adjourn to meet at 8:30 A. M., Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

Association called to order by the Moderator at 9:00. Song by congregation, "I'll Be Satisfied." Prayer by Rev. E. S. England. Roll call by Moderator.

C. J. McNeel from New Mt. Zion was granted permission to be absent during the remainder of the session.

Moved and approved that we receive the record book purchased by committee in which book we will enter the past and future history of Old Mt. Zion Association.

Then the following reports were received and their committees each discharged. They were: Committees on Temperance, Sabbath School Obituaries and Union of Churches. Then we were given a recess and dismissed by prayer by Bro. John Garvin.

The 11:00 o'clock services were conducted by Rev. J. H. P. Jones. Reading lesson, Part of the 14th chapter of Job. Text, Hebrews, 11:14: "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaketh."

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

After singing, Association was called to order by Moderator. Prayer by J. G. Wilson. The remaining committees were discharged and their reports received. They were: Committees on Resolutions and Finance. By request of W. T. Webb, a committee composed of Elds. Geo. Been, W. T. Webb and J. G. Wilson was appointed by the Moderator to bring before the Association a recommendation of Rev. S. J. Moses. This the committee did, declaring him a duly ordained minister of Old Mt. Zion Association. This was received by the Association and signed by the Moderator and clerk.

Thus all reports being received, the clerk read aloud the minutes recorded, and a motion was passed that they be received. After which it was decided that we adjourn at close of services Saturday night, meet with Christian Home church, two and one-half miles northeast of Hindsville, Madison county, on Friday, at 10:00 a. m., before the second Sunday in August, 1920.

Services conducted Saturday night by Elders W. O. Johnson and J. G. Wilson. Text, "The Soul of Man." After which songs of praise were sung and we took the parting hand.

Sunday 11:00 o'clock services conducted by Revs. W. T. Webb and E. S. England. Text, 1st Kings, 2:2.

ELDER G. C. BLAND, Moderator, ANNIE MEANS, Clerk
Larue, Arkansas. Spring Valley, Ark.

HISTORICAL REPORT

We, your Committee on History of our Association must submit the following report: "Whereas, the terrible epidemic of influenza in its rage last fall and winter, when we could best devote our time to this work, prevented us from obtaining the much needed information in making up this history. We find that time and patience will be required in obtaining the lost records, and we ask for an extension of time or the work consigned to a new committee. We have purchased the Record Book for \$3.00."—Committee, Geo. Been, G. C. Bland and W. T. Webb.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolved—That 600 copies of the minutes be printed and 50 copies be sent to each Sister Association Bro. Everett Bland chosen by vote to superintend the printing and distribution of the minutes.

Resolved—That we keep up our correspondence with our Sister Associations. The following brethren were chosen to write and bear the letter and represent us in the following ones:

Union—W. E. Lynch, J. G. Wilson and Geo. Been. E. M. Houston, alternate. (These were volunteers.)

New Mt. Zion—E. M. Houston and J. G. Wilson.

Bro. G. C. Bland was chosen to write and bear our letter to the State Association, his traveling expenses to be borne by a general contribution which amounted to \$11.30.

Resolved—That we keep up the Memorial of our Dead, and also devote one service during the session of our annual Association to the memory of our deceased.

Resolved—That we adopt the "Budget System," as tabled at our last Association.

By a majority of votes, the Association will be held with Christian Home church, two and one-half miles northeast of Hindsville.

Rev. E. S. England was chosen by ballot to preach the next introductory sermon with Geo. Been, alternate.

A question was tabled until next Association and in the meantime each church is expected to consider the question. The question is: "Will we, as Old Mt. Zion Association, accept the code of Articles of Faith as adopted by the State Association so as to insure the statewide uniformity in faith?"

Bill of Thanks:—Resolved, We tender our sincere thanks to the church and good people of this place for their kindness during our stay among them. May God bless them.

Geo. Been, J. G. Wilson, E. M. Houston—Committee.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, the Committee on Finance, submit the following. We find that the churches have sent by their delegates the following amounts to pay for the printing of our minutes: Mt. Zion \$3.10; New Hope \$1.50; Hickory Grove \$1.50; Christian Home \$2.01; Coal Gap \$1.00; Clifty \$1.75; Christian Union \$2.00; Hickory Flatt \$1.00; Pilgrims Rest \$2.00; Antioch \$1.00; Lone Star \$2.40; Cottage Hill \$1.50; Shady Grove \$1.00; from last year's fund .80; public contribution \$4.95; total, \$27.51.

For printing the state minutes: New Hope \$1.00; Christian Home \$1.00; Coal Gap \$1.00; Clifty \$1.00; Hickory Flatt .50; Shady Grove \$1.00; total for state minutes, \$6.50.

Pilgrim Rest church contributed \$6.00 for the benefit of the orphan's home at Middlesex, N. C.

Truman Allred, L. S. Bowlin, and Hern Archer—Committee.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, the Committee on Temperance, believe it to be the duty of every follower of Christ do all in their power against the sale or use of intoxicating liquors and to earnestly pray that we may ever be found as becometh God's children, temperate in all things.

W. E. Lynch, Mrs. D. W. Briley, Henry Savage—Committee.

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We, the Committee on Sabbath School, do believe that Christ commissioned the church to teach all nations that the Bible may be taught in the pulpit and in the Sunday School. Further, we make a request that each church make a strong effort to maintain a Sunday School and to appoint a committee to create an interest

throughout the community that some might attend who have not been attending heretofore; and we farther request that each church make a complete report of their Sunday School in their church letter, and that also each member do more in the good work in the coming year than we have in the past.

Dow Boydston, Harry Wright, W. C. Lynch—Committee.

COMMITTEE ON UNION OF CHURCHES

We find no discord among the churches and so far as we know they are in perfect harmony. We recommend that the pastors preach four doctrinal sermons to each church a year, to create a stronger union among the churches. Rev. E. S. England, J. W. Allred, J. H. Roberts—Committee.

OBITUARIES

Mt. Zion—Sister Lucindy Miles.

Pilgrims Rest—Sister Dora Shetley, Frank E. Graham.

Hickory Grove—Rev. G. W. Lynch, Rev. M. P. Capps, Sarah Foster.

SISTER LUCINDY MILES

was born about April 6, 1835. She professed a hope in Christ in early life, and was and had been a member of Mt. Zion church when death took her from our midst on October 5, 1918. She leaves to mourn her loss many friends and relatives. But blessed are the dead that die in the Lord; yes, saith the spirit, they do rest from their labor and their works do follow after them.

SISTER DORA SHETLEY

was born October 9, 1864. She professed a hope in Christ at the age of 16 and united with the Missionary Baptist church at Spring Valley and remained a member there until Pilgrim's Rest church of Free-will Baptists was organized on Saturday night, September 30, 1911, at which time she came into the organization and become one of its charter members. She remained associated with us until after weeks of serious illness death's angel bid her cease from toil, labor and pain, on January 7, 1919. We boweth our heads in submission to Him that doeth all things well, but we feel that in this loss we lose one of our most progressive workers; diligent in Sunday School work, and in nursing, and administering to the sick. She leaves a husband, two sons and two daughters, all of whom were present at the time of her death, except Ernest, who was with the army in France. May God comfort all sorrowing friends and relatives.

BROTHER FRANK E. GRAHAM

was born September 26, 1894, and was converted about July 18, 1911, at Pilgrims Rest in a meeting conducted by Revs. W. O. and J. B. Johnson, and united with the Pilgrims Rest church at its organization on September 30, 1911, and was baptized by Rev. G. C. Bland on the following day. Bro. Frank was called into army service of our country in the conflict with Germany and died in the American Red Cross Hospital No. 26.A.P.O.727, at St. Aignan, Moyers, France,

January 24, 1919, at 11:45 A. M., and was buried under the direction of Lieut. John Crocket, in a military form funeral. We hope his spirit is with God and his wife and babe and friends, relatives and church may meet brother Frank in Heaven, our eternal Home.

REV. G. W. LYNCH

was born April 6, 1847, in East Tennessee; moved to Arkansas in 1851; lived in Madison county most of the time. Professed a hope in Christ in 1861; was married to M. C. Clark September 27, 1866. Both united with Mt. Zion church in 1867. To this union was born nine children, five boys and four girls, who are living and claim to be Christians. Was licensed to preach February, 1886, and was ordained March 14, 1886, by W. J. Blackburn and S. W. Blackburn. He was sent forth as an evangelist to preach the Gospel of Christ to all churches and Christian people in common. Moderated for Hickory Grove church 32 years in succession; moderated from one to four churches for 28 years. Organized four churches in Old Mt. Zion Association, to-wit: Clifty, Christian Home, Cottage Hill and Hickory Flatt. He leaves a host of friends and relatives to mourn his loss, and is missed by all who knew him. He was a kind and loving father and always ready to be about his Master's business. May we all be prepared to meet on the banks of sweet deliverance where God will wipe all tears from the eyes.

REV. M. P. CAPPS

was born February 14, 1847. He professed a hope in Christ about forty-four years ago. He was married to Mary S. Davenport in 1876. To this union was born eleven children, seven boys and four girls, of which seven are still living. In 1898, his companion passed away. They were both members of the Freewill Baptist church. In 1902 he married Cassie Stergile, who is also a member of the church. He and his family helped organize Clifty church about 25 years ago. He had been a minister about 25 years and lived a faithful Christian until Death called him away March 1, 1919. His last consoling words were "not to weep for him but rejoice that he had passed to rest." He leaves a wife and seven children to feel their loss.

SISTER SARAH FOSTER

was born April 28, 1840, died November 4, 1918. Sister Foster professed a hope in Christ at an early age. She was faithful to Christ and bore her affliction with patience and was faithful to her Father's business at all times. She was laid to rest in the home cemetery in Carrol county, Ark., with her companion. She leaves many to mourn her loss

A loved one from us has gone, a voice we loved is stilled,
One place among us is vacant that never can be filled.

LIST OF MINISTERS

Name	Age	Postoffice
J. G. Wilson,	78 years,	Huntsville, Ark.
S. G. Moses,	72 years,	Huntsville, Arkansas.
W. Webb,	49 years,	R. 1, Spring Valley, Arkansas.
W. O. Johnson,	75 years,	Harris, Arkansas.
W. S. Copeland,	45 years,	Odell, Arkansas.
W. M. T. Todd,	57 years.	
J. J. Rider,	78 years.	
G. C. Bland,	61 years,	Larue, Arkansas.
John Garvin,	70 years,	R. 1, Spring Valley, Arkansas.
J. H. Roberts,	72 years,	Spring Valley, Arkansas.
J. S. Turney,	65 years,	Glade, Arkansas.
J. S. Smith,	50 years,	Marble, Arkansas.
R. A. Smith,	53 years,	Marble, Arkansas.
Sam Garvin,		Spring Valley, Arkansas.
E. S. England,	51 years,	Rhea, Arkansas.
E. M. Houston,		Tarkiln, Arkansas.
George Been,	38 years,	Spring Valley, Arkansas.
T. M. Sims,		Fayetteville, Arkansas.
J. W. Allred,	49 years,	Larue, Arkansas.

LICENSED MINISTERS

W. H. Elkins, War Eagle, Arkansas.

Everett Bland, 17 years.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF ASSOCIATION

CHURCH	Organized	Retiring Pastor	Pastor Elect	New Clerk	C. C. Postoffice	S M	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Mt. Zion	1886	J. H. P. Jones	G. C. Bland		Spring Valley	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	46
New Hope	8. 8. 1886	G. C. Bland	G. C. Bland	A. S. McGinnis	Larue, Ark.	4	21	0	1	0	0	0	0	114
Hickory Grove	8. 8. 1882		Geo. Been	I. T. Lynch	Clifty R. 1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	60
Chistian Home	9. 1. 1892	G. W. Lynch	Geo. Been	T. F. McGinnis	Hindsville R. 1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	72
Coal Gap		J. H. Roberts	G. C. Bland			2	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	44
Clifty	4. 12. 1896	G. C. Bland	G. C. Bland			3	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	72
Christian Union	1905	W. T. Webb				2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	35
Hickory Flatt	9. 28. 1911	T. M. Sims				4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Pilgrim's Rest	9. 30. 1911	W. T. Webb	W. T. Webb	Irena Been	Spring Valley	3	5	3	0	0	0	0	2	60
Cottage Hill	7. 6. 1912	G. C. Bland	J. W. Allred			1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
Antioch	10. 25. 1908	W. T. Webb				4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	40
Mt. Pleasant		R. A. Smith					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Sugar Creek							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Highland							0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
Lone Star	5 15. 1915			P. L. Sandlain		2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
Horton's Creek		Geo. Been	Geo. Been				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Shady Grove		G. C. Bland	J. H. Roberts			2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
Totals						34	36	3	3	2	1		7	699

1. Received by Experience and Baptism—36. 2. Received by Recommendation—3. 3. Received by Letter—3.
 4. Restored—2. 5. Dismissed by Letter—1. 6. Excluded—0. 7. Died—7. Membership—699.

SABBATH SCHOOL REPORT

Hickory Grove Church; meets at 10:00 a. m.; I. T. Lynch, Superintendent; Fern Shelton, Secretary; Teachers, 4; Average attendance, 40.

Christian Home Church: meets 10:00 a. m.; Jack Creek, Hindsville, Superintendent; Gordon Evans, Hindsville, Secretary; Teachers, 4; Average attendance, 40; Amount paid to pastor by Sabbath School, \$8.84.

Pilgrims Rest Church: meets 10:00 a. m.; John Wright, Spring Valley; Irena Been, Spring Valley; Paid to pastor, \$1.40.

CONSTITUTION

From a long series of experiences, 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. We therefore purpose to keep order and rules of this Association, according to the following plan or form of government.

1. The Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our Union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and producing letters they shall be entitled to seats.

2. Letters from different churches are to express their number of fellowship, the number received by experience, letters or recommendation, dismissed or excluded, restored, and those who have died since the last Association.

3. The members thus chosen and convinced to be denominated the "Old Mt. Zion Association of Freewill Baptists," to be composed of sundry churches in the state of Arkansas; the Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor to have ecclesiastical power over churches reserving the right of withdrawing from any church acting disorderly.

4. The Association to have a Moderator or Clerk who are to be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

5. New churches to be admitted into the Association are to petition by letter and delegates, and if, on examination, they are found to be orthodox and orderly, they may be received by the Association, the moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

6. No question presented by the delegates of any church shall be discussed in the Association unless it has been thoroughly discussed in their own church.

7. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the members in each church the contributions being at the direction of the Association.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep file of the minutes.

10. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association closes.

11. Amendments to this plan of government may be made at any time when a majority of the members may deem it necessary.

12. The Association, in case of failure of any church to attend, may inquire into the case.

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting business shall be opened or concluded by prayer by the Moderator or whoever he may require.
2. Ministers present invited to seats with us may debate on all questions but vote on none.
3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator and personal reflections shall be avoided on all debates.
4. No motion shall be discussed without being seconded.
5. If, when a motion has been made and seconded and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question: "Shall this question be discussed?" Which, if negatived, shall be dismissed.
6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points it shall be divided at the request of a member and the vote taken separately.
7. Motion made and lost shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.
8. No one shall speak twice on any subject without special leave from the Moderator.
9. All questions shall be decided by a majority of the members present.
10. No member shall absent himself without leave from the Moderator; if so, his name shall be left off the minutes.
11. The minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the rising of the Association.
12. That in the future sessions of this Association, arrangements be made so as to insure two sermons or other devotional exercises which will be equivalent thereto, during each day of the session.
13. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organizations of the Association.
14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Association called to order by the Moderator and in his absence, the clerk.
2. Introductory sermon.
3. Letters from the churches composing the Association called for, read and messengers invited to seat.
4. Corresponding Associations.
5. Right hand of fellowship.
6. Called for letters from newly organized churches.
7. Election for permanent officers.
8. Reading Constitution and Rules of Order by Chair or Clerk.
9. Appointment of the following committees: (a) Resolution. (b) Finance. (c) Arrangement of Preaching. (d) Temperance. (e) Sabbath school. (f) Obituary. (g) Condition of non-represented churches. (h) Union of churches.
10. Report of committees appointed at last Association and other unfinished business.

11. Report of new committees.
12. New business.
13. Choosing place for our next Association.
14. Who shall preach the introductory Sermon.
15. Reading and adopting the minutes.
16. Adjournment.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost. Isaiah 45:5; 1st Cor. 8:6; 1st John 5:7.

2. We believe that the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the word of God, and the gospel by Jesus Christ, the only rule of faith and practice. 2nd Peter 1:21; 2nd Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam and that by his transgressions all his posterity fell and were made sinners. Gen. 3:6; Rom. 3:19.

4. We believe in the corruptness of human nature and the inability of man to recover himself by his own free will and ability. Rom. 5:12; 1st Cor. 15:21-22.

5. We believe Jesus Christ by the grace of God tasted death for man and thru his mediatorial death the way of salvation is made possible for God to have mercy upon all who come to Him on gospel terms. Heb. 2:6-10; St. John 3:36.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, and the good works are the works of faith and follow after justification. Eph. 2:5-8; Rom. 5:1-16.

7. We believe that saints may preserve in grace and not be lost. Matt. 11:28; Rev. 22:14; 2:20; 1st Peter 3:18; 1st Thes. 5:23.

8. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgment, and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Matt. 25:32-40; 2nd Cor. 5:10; Rev. 20:12; Acts 17:31.

9. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful men and women, who have obtained fellowship with each other and given themselves to the Lord and to one another. Matt. 16:17-18; 1st Cor. 12:12; Rom. 12:4-5.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and that the government thereof is with the body. Eph. 2:20; Matt. 18:15-17.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the washing of feet are ordinances of the gospel of Jesus Christ and should be continued until the second coming. Matt. 28:19; John 3:5-16; Col. 2:12.

12. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects for Baptism, and that immersion is the only true gospel mode. Matt. 3:16-17; Acts 8:36-37; Rom. 4:6.

13. We believe that none but true believers are fit subjects to commune at the Lord's table. 1st Cor. 11:28-29; 2nd Cor. 13:5.

14. We believe that the Lord's Day ought to be observed and set apart for the worship of God and that no work or worldly business ought to be transacted there; works of piety, mercy and necessity excepted. Ex. 20:8-9; Lev. 26:2; Luke 13:14-16; 14:5.