
MINUTES
Of The
POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
First Free Will Baptist Church
In
NEWPORT
Jackson County
Arkansas

The next annual session of the Association will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1982. Place to be selected later:

REV. RUSSELL JOHNSON, Moderator
P. O. Box 9
Grubbs, Arkansas

REV. DAVID WALTRIP, Assistant Moderator
P. O. Box 20
Saffell, Arkansas

MRS. M. B. WILLIAMS, Clerk and Treasurer
Strawberry, Arkansas

MRS. VONDA JOHNSON, Assistant Clerk
P. O. Box 9
Grubbs, Arkansas

OFFICERS

Moderator, Rev. Russell Johnson ----- P. O. Box 9, Grubbs

Ass't. Moderator, Rev. David Waltrip ----- P. O. Box 20, Saffell

Clerk and Treasurer, Mrs. M. B. Williams ----- Strawberry

Assistant Clerk, Mrs. Vonda Johnson ----- P. O. Box 9, Grubbs

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. Fred Hawkins, 5 years, 1986 ----- Newport

Rev. Jerry Taylor, 4 years, 1985 ----- Batesville

Rev. David Waltrip, 3 years, 1984 ----- Saffell

Rev. J. W. Blanks, 2 years, 1983 ----- Batesville

Rev. Jimmy Richardson, 1 year, 1982 ----- Batesville

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. W. Blanks, 3 years, 1984 ----- Batesville

Rev. David Winfrey, 2 years, 1983 ----- Tuckerman

Rev. Floyd Medlock, 1 year, 1982 ----- Bradford

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND CHURCH CLERKS

1. Allen's Chapel ----- Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rt. 7, Batesville
Linda Galloway, Rt. 5, Box 226, Batesville
2. Ballew's Chapel ----- Rev. Russell Johnson, P. O. Box 9, Grubbs
Mrs. Colleen McCoy, Rt. 2, Box 468, Newport
3. Batesville First F.W.B. - Rev. Bobby Shephard, 430 Blossom Dr., Batesville
Mrs. Vaughn Ruminer, 1970 Porter St., Batesville
4. Blackland Chapel ----- Rev. Dwayne Roper, Star Rt., Box 3A, Oil Trough
Mrs. Mabel Huckaba, Star Rt., Box 1, Oil Trough
5. Bradford ----- Rev. Floyd Medlock, Rt. 2, Bradford
Mrs. Alta Hancock, Rt. 2, Box 66A, Bradford
6. Cave City First F.W.B. ----- Rev. Lowell Graham, Matlock Rd., Cave City
Mrs. Glyndene Deaton, Rt. 2, Box 64, Cave City
7. Coffman ----- Rev. J. W. Russell, 609 W. Gum St., Walnut Ridge
Mrs. Irene Crider, Rt. 1, Box 250 AB, Hoxie
8. East Batesville ----- Rev. Dale Kester, Box 4075, Batesville
Mrs. Paul Kelly, Rt. 7, Box 631-A, Batesville
9. Grace ----- Rev. David Phillips, 405 Hazel, Newport
Mrs. Betty Bowden, 3801 Daniel, Newport
10. Macedonia ----- No Pastor
Betty Jo Johnson, P. O. Box 102, Mt. Pleasant
11. Mt. Harmony ----- Rev. David Waltrip, P. O. Box 20, Saffell
Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry
12. New Home ----- Rev. Gary Mitchiner, Guion Rt., Mt. Pleasant
Kenneth Morriston, Rt. 1, Box 22A29, Melbourne
13. Newport First F.W.B. ----- Rev. Fred Hawkins, 710 State St., Newport
Mrs. Eva Miller, Rt. 4, Newport
14. Oakland ----- Rev. Charles Baker, P. O. Box 1093, Cherokee Village
Carolyn Reed, Rt. 2, Box 58, Bradford
15. Oak Grove ----- Rev. Bobby Doyle, Rt. 1, Jonesboro
Mrs. Oma Smith, Rt. 1, Smithville
16. Pool's Chapel ----- Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Batesville
Robert Robbins, Rt. 1, Box 535B, Batesville
17. Tuckerman First F.W.B. ----- Rev. David Winfrey, Tuckerman
Mrs. Fay Vines, P. O. Box 427, Tuckerman
18. Weaver's Chapel ----- Rev. Jerry Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 494A1, Batesville
Mrs. Billie Clark, Rt. 1, Box 175, Batesville

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, July 11, 1981 9:30 A.M.

The annual meeting of the Polk Bayou Association was with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Newport.

A congregational number was directed by Ealem Doyle, with Rev. David Winfrey, pianist.

Rev. Dale Kester led the opening prayer.

The devotion from Hebrews 3:1-14, was given by Bro. Tommy Tims.

The Ordained met at the altar for prayer which was led by Bro. Virgil Odglen.

The moderator appointed a committee on committees as follows: Rev. David Waltrip, Rev. Floyd Medlock and Bro. John Lau.

Rev. David Winfrey and Rev. Jerry Taylor were appointed to serve on the Ordaining Council for this session.

Rev. David Waltrip made a motion that Article 14 — Ordained Personnel— be added to our constitution to read as follows:

This association accepts the wording of the Epistles to Timothy and Titus as authoritative, namely, the interpretation of the phrase "The husband of one wife" to mean that divorced personnel should not be ordained. (I Timothy 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6) Therefore we refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our association as ordained, any man who has been divorced.

2. That we accept God's Word as authoritative in not allowing double standards and that we also refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our association as ordained, any man who has married a divorced woman.

This motion is made because it has been a past policy of this association and also has been accepted by the State and National Associations.

The second to this motion was made by Rev. Fred Hawkins and carried 53 for, 7 opposed.

Rev. David Winfrey made a motion that Article 4, Section 2, of our constitution be amended to read as follows:

This association shall have an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve three (3) years. This board shall be arranged whereby one member shall be appointed by the moderator annually. This board shall examine all applicants for licensing and ordination as recommended by the local churches and shall report to the association their findings.

This motion was seconded by Rev. David Waltrip and carried without opposition.

Rev. David Waltrip, chairman of the committee on committees, appointed the following committees:

Sunday Schools ----- Tommy Tims, Floyd Chambliss, Frank Saffell
Temperance ----- Paul Kelly, Joyce Tims, Ruth Leonard
Obituaries ----- Nen Freeman, James Bolden, Lemon Richardson
Resolutions ----- Lauretta Coleman, Frances Smith, Doris Polston

The letters were read and accepted and the delegates seated.

ELECTION

Rev. Fred Hawkins was elected to a 5 year term on the Executive Board.

Rev. J. W. Blanks 3 years on Ordination Council

Rev. David Winfrey 2 years on Ordination Council.

Rev. Floyd Medlock 1 year on Ordination Council.

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Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. David Waltrip, P. O. Box 20, Saffell

Clerk and Treasurer ----- Mrs. M. B. Williams, Strawberry

Assistant Clerk ----- Mrs. Vonda Johnson, P. O. Box 9, Grubbs

Delegates to Arkansas State Association:

Lowell McKinny, Glyndene Deaton, Carolyn Winfrey, Julia Stoner,
Demps England.

A motion was made by Rev. Jerry Taylor and seconded by Rev. David Waltrip as follows:

That we grant Bro. Billy Fox a letter of dismissal from our association.
That we send along a letter of explanation stating as follows:

Since it has been a standing policy of the Polk Bayou Association not to accept or ordain men who have been divorced or are married to divorced women, and that by oversight we accepted Bro. Fox into our association, we feel that we cannot, **in good conscience**, recommend him because of his marital status. This is not meant, in any way, to destroy the character of Bro. Fox.

RECESS

11 A.M. Divine Service

"Lilly of the Valley" and "Send the Light" directed by Ealem Doyle with Rev. David Winfrey, pianist.

Offeratory prayer by Rev. David Waltrip. Offering \$103.54.

Special Singing:

"God is Captain" by Glenda Milligan. "My House is Full But My Field is Empty" Linette Milligan.

Rev. David Winfrey read from I Cor. 6:12, Acts 24:25, II Peter 1:5-9, and I Cor. 9:24.

Theme: Self Control — If we have the Spirit of God we have better self control.

Paul said in I Cor. 6:12 B, "All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any."

We need to practice self control and be willing to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Bro. Winfrey closed with prayer.

The Benediction and blessing on the food was offered by Rev. Ray Watkins.

NOON
1:15 P.M.

Congregational song "Are You Ready" directed by Ealem Doyle, David Winfrey, pianist.

Special music, "Soul's Harbor" and "Mercy", Rev. David Waltrip and son, Keith.

Prayer, Rev. J. W. Roach.

Rev. Gary Mitchiner read II Timothy 2:1-4. The message, Loyalty to God, His Word, the church and the home.

We need to work together, not forsake the assembling, stand on the Word, stand strong and contend for the Faith.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday School — We, the committee, find that 18 Sunday Schools reported, one from each church, with an enrollment of 1,408, and an average attendance of 954.

REMARKS:

Build from our youth, Build with young people, youth involvement, enlargement campaigns, evangelistic outreach.

Tommy Tims, Chairman
Floyd Chambliss, Frank Saffell

Temperance — We, the temperance committee, recommend: We should not only stand against the sale and use of intoxicating beverages, but also, that we teach and preach the importance of being temperate in all areas of Christian living.

Paul Kelly, Chairman
Ruth Leonard
Joyce Tims

Obituaries — The committee recommends that Polk Bayou Association offer a moment of silent prayer for those who have gone on to be with the Lord in the past 12 months, and for the loved ones they have left behind. We find there were 22 as follows:

Allen's Chapel — David Wholer, Nolan Taylor, Mae Wollenbrock, Millie Nelson.

Ballew's Chapel — Joe Tubbs.

Batesville First — Mildred Smith, Dona Dunagan.

Bradford First — Sam Chapman.

Cave City First — Conway Coles, Clyde McLour, Pauline Huskey.

Grace — Aggie Dobbs, George Bowden.

Mt. Harmony — Kathleen Lewallen, Hollie Hardin, Dolph Lancaster.

Tuckerman — Ella Hanshaw.

Pool's Chapel — Alvis Lassiter, Archie Haigwood.

Weaver's Chapel — Lavada Welch.

Oak Grove — William Treatenburg.

Newport First — Jess Block.

Nen Freeman, Chairman

James Bolden

Lemon Richardson

Resolutions Committee — We, the Resolutions Committee, resolve to give the First Free Will Baptist Church of Newport a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality today, and for the invitation given to the members of the Polk Bayou Association.

Lauretta Coleman, Chairman

Frances Smith, Doris Polston

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Curt Billins be ordained as a minister of the Gospel.
2. The Ordaining Council recommends that Rev. Gary Mitchiner be accepted into our association, with full voting privileges.
3. The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Tommy Tims be granted a license to preach the Gospel.
4. The Ordaining Council recommends that Bro. Johnny Conyers be granted a license to preach the Gospel.

Rev. J. W. Blanks, Chairman

Rev. David Winfrey

Rev. Jerry Taylor

MINISTERS ATTENDING

Rev. J. W. Blanks	Rev. David Phillips
Rev. David Roach	Rev. David Waltrip
Rev. Russell Johnson	Rev. Gary Mitchiner
Rev. Ray Watkins	Rev. Fred Hawkins
Rev. Floyd Medlock	Rev. Henry Doyle
Rev. J. W. Russell	Rev. Charles Baker
Rev. Dale Kester	Rev. J. W. Roach
Rev. David Winfrey	Rev. Jerry Taylor
Rev. Curt Billins	

DEACONS PRESENT

Virgil Odglen	C. A. Dobbs
John Lau	Lloyd Chambliss
George Snelgrove	Laman Hastings
Horace Doyle	Ealem Doyle
Harold Howard	Kenneth Morrison
John Drummend	

CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Mrs. Eva Miller	Mrs Glyndene Deaton
Mrs. Mabel Huckaba	Robert Robbins
Mrs. Lorene Doyle	Kenneth Morrison
Mrs. Alta Hancock	

DELEGATES ATTENDING

1. Allen's Chapel — Leman Richardson, Ruth Leonard.
2. Ballew's Chapel — Ethel Safirt, Frank Saffell, Elizabeth Odglen.
3. Batesville First — Joyce Tims, Robert Heater, Mildred Heater.
4. Blackland Chapel — Nen Freeman, Dessie Freeman, Natalie Roper.
5. Bradford First — James Bolden, Clara Chambliss, Dora Schales.
6. Cave City First — Velvie Coles, Linette Milligan, Glenda Milligan.
7. Coffman — Ruby Swartzlander, Vella Russell.
8. East Batesville — Paul Kelly.
9. Grace — Brenda Young, Georgia Phillips, Norene Young.
10. Mt. Harmony — Jerrell Polston, Doris Polston, George Powell.
11. New Home — Laurretta Coleman, Agnas Sipes.
12. Newport First — Gertie Doyle, Cuby Baker.
13. Oakland — Duke Rice, Alma Rice, Debbie Padgett.
14. Oak Grove — Jerry Smith, Luther Voyles, Dean Voyles.
15. Pool's Chapel — Alvie Stroud, Danny Stevens, Winona Stroud.
16. Tuckerman First — Estelle Bradley, Carol Drumwright, Shirley Fortenberry.
17. Weaver's Chapel — Cleve Lesley, Dale Lesley.

MINISTERS BELONGING NOT ATTENDING

Rev. Kenneth Manuel	Rev. Ernest Elms
Rev. Othaniel Safirt	Rev. H. A. Lewis
Rev. Dwayne Roper	Rev. Boyce Williams
Rev. Otis Richey	Rev. Henry Obarts
Rev. Billy Willhite	Rev. Archie Warnick
Rev. Lonnie Palmer	Rev. Ronald Hutson
Rev. Charles Nichols	Rev. Jimmy Richardson

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes

Pastor's Salaries -----	\$117,074.00
Evangelistic Work -----	9,558.00
Building and Repair -----	46,304.00
Literature -----	13,029.00
Other -----	62,105.00
Total -----	248,070.00

Spent for Outside Causes

Cooperative Plan -----	\$ 18,379.00
Foreign Missions -----	3,028.00
Home Missions -----	4,614.00
Associational Projects -----	358.00
State and National Projects -----	319.00
Other -----	2,313.00
Total -----	29,011.00

TREASURER'S REPOT

Balance on hand July 1, 1980 -----	\$ 5.32
Received from churches -----	1,273.00
Special Offerings -----	521.46
Total -----	1,799.78

EXPENDITURES 1980

July 12, R. E. Helsey, speaker -----	\$ 100.00
To minister for mileage -----	44.20
Arkansas State Association of F.W.B. -----	340.00
National Associational Fee -----	15.00
Love offering to Charles Nichols -----	200.00
Riverside Graphics, Minutes -----	200.00
Vergel Maness Home Mission -----	300.00
Mt. Harmony Church, Youth Rally exp. -----	25.00
F.W.B.B. College Building Fund -----	500.00
Letter forms, paper, envelopes, postage -----	16.41
Total -----	\$ 1,740.69
Balance on Hand July 1, 1981 -----	\$ 59.09

The meeting adjourned with Benediction by Bro. Ealem Doyle.

CONSTITUTION OF THE POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE: From experience, we the members of the Free Will Baptist denomination, being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in Jesus Christ and realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us; therefore, we proposed to maintain and keep the orders and rules of this Association according to the following planned form of government:

ARTICLE I. Name

This organization shall be called the Polk Bayou Association of Free Will Baptists, affiliated with the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Arkansas, which is a member of the National Association Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II. Composition

This Association shall be composed of such well regulated Free Will Baptist churches as subscribe (agree) with the doctrine and practices as stipulated in the **Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists.**

ARTICLE II. Representation

Section 1 — The voting members of this Association shall be the regularly ordained ministers, deacons, and the church clerks belonging to any church composing this body.

Section 2 — Each local church holding membership in this Association shall be entitled to three (3) lay delegates at large.

ARTICLE IV. Officers

The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk and treasurer, and an assistant clerk and treasurer who are to be elected annually by this body.

ARTICLE V. Duties and Rules of Standing Boards

Section 1 — This Association shall have an Executive Board composed of five (5) members, each of whom shall serve for five (5) years. This board shall be arranged whereby one member shall be elected annually. In case of emergency situations, the Executive Board shall have the authority to call the Association in conference by notifying each member church at least ten (10) days prior to the conference.

Section 2 — This Association shall have an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) members, each of whom shall serve for three (3) years. This board shall be arranged whereby one member shall be appointed by the moderator annually. This board shall examine all applicants for licensing and ordination as recommended by the local churches and shall report to the Association their findings.

ARTICLE VI. Letters

Each church that is a member of this Association shall be represented by letter at each session of this Association giving name of delegates, ordained ministers, deacons, church clerk, members received, excluded, deceased, and monies spent for local and outside causes.

ARTICLE VII. New Churches

Any church desiring membership in this body shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter to the Association. If any church, upon examination by the Executive Board, is found to be properly organized, in good standing with member churches, and willing to adhere to the Faith and Practices of Free Will Baptists as specified in the Treatise, they shall by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of this body be received into full fellowship.

ARTICLE VIII. Motions

Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it is withdrawn by the member making said motion.

ARTICLE XI. Minutes

The Association is to endeavor to furnish the member churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church.

ARTICLE X. Clerk's Duties

It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a regular file of all minutes. Also, the clerk shall be responsible for the disbursement of money at the direction of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. Power of Association

The Association shall have power to discipline its churches, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful; to ordain deacons, to license and ordain ministers, such as give evidence of being qualified and called by God, by request of the church to which such persons belong; to settle such questions of doctrine as the churches may refer to it; to any rules or by-laws necessary to the regulation and not inconsistent with this Constitution; but in no case shall this Association reverse a decision or in any way interfere with the internal regulation of a local church, nor hold any ecclesiastical power over the churches composing this Association.

ARTICLE XII. Meetings

The sessions of this Association shall meet quarterly on Saturday before the second (2nd) Sunday in January, April, July, and October with such churches as call for it by letter. The July meeting shall serve as the yearly meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE XIII. Constitutional Changes

This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of all members voting at any regular session.

ARTICLE XIV. Ordained Personal

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2. That we accept God's Word as authoritative in not allowing double standards and that we also refuse to license, ordain, or accept into our association as ordained, any man who has married a divorced woman.

BY LAWS

1. The Moderator or assistant moderator, and in their absence the clerk shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum be present, the moderator, and his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither be present, then the senior minister in year of service shall act as moderator.

2. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer and closed by prayer.

3. Those who speak shall rise and address the moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates.

4. All motion made and seconded shall be open for discussion but debate may be stopped at any time by a majority vote of the membership present.

5. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member of the vote, then taken separately.

6. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

7. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the body.

8. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of the members present.

9. Arrangements shall be made to insure at least two sermons each day of each session of the Association.

10. The moderator shall announce just before adjournment who shall preach at the next meeting.

11. Changes may be made in these By-Laws at any regular session of the Association by a majority vote of members present.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the Will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearances of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements, and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligation and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the Salvation of the World, and may the God of Peace sanctify us wholly; and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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.

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

3. **Christ.** 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.

4. **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit and all the attributes of God.

5. **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for as the highest welfare of men requires.

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.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love 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. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men became His elect.

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.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

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

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, to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **Tithing.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 22:23), and the apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Corinthians 16:2).

15. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

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 evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."