MINUTES

Of The

POLK BAYOU ASSOCIATION

Of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

HELD WITH

Ballew's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church

Near

GRUBBS

Jackson County

Arkansas

The next annual session of the Association will be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in July, 1983. Place to be selected later.

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| EXECUTIVE BOARD |
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| Rev. David Phillips, 5 years, 1987 Newport |
| Roy Fred Hawkins 4 years 1986 Newport |
| Rev. Fred Hawkins, 4 years, 1986 Newport |
| Rev. Jerry Taylor, 3 years, 1985 Batesville |
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| Rev. David Waltrip, 2 years, 1984 Batesville |
| Rev. J. W. Blanks, 1 year, 1983 Batesville |
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| ORDAINING COUNCIL |
| Rev. Bobby Shepherd, 3 years Batesville |
| Rev. J. W. Blanks, 2 years Batesville |
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| Rev. David Winfrey, 1 year Tuckerman |

CHURCHES, PASTORS, AND CHURCH CLERKS

| 1. Allen's Chapel Rev. J. W. Blanks, Rt. 7, Batesville Linda Galloway, Rt. 5, Box 226, Batesville |
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| 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.BRev. Bobby Shepherd, 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 First F.W.B Rev. Floyd Medlock, Rt. 2, Box 59, Bradford Mrs. Alta Hancock, Rt. 2, Box 66A, Bradford |
| 6. Cave City First F.W.B Rev. Lowell Graham, 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 250A.B., Hoxie |
| 8. Grace Rev. David Phillips, 405 Hazel, Newport Brenda Young, Rt. 3, Box 828, Newport |
| 9. East Batesville Rev. David Waltrip, No. 9 Mimosa Dr., Batesville Mrs. Paul Kelly, Rt. 7, Box 631A, Batesville |
| 10. Macedonia No Pastor |
| Mrs. Betty Jo Johnson, P. O. Box 102, Mt. Pleasant |
| 11. Mt. Harmony Rev. Dennis Artman, Saffell |
| Mrs. Lorene Doyle, Strawberry |
| 12. New Home Rev. Gary Mitchiner, Mount Pleasant Mr. Kenneth Morrison, 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 672, Bradford Carolyn Reed, Rt. 2, Box 58, Bradford |
| 15. Oak Grove Unknown |
| Mrs. Oma Smith, Rt. 1, Smithville |
| 16. Pool's Chapel Rev. J. W. Roach, Rt. 1, Batesville Mr. Robert Robbins, Rt. 1, Box 535B, Batesville |
| 17. Tuckerman First F.W.B. – Rev. David Winfrey, P. O. Box 418, Tuckerman Mrs. Fay Vines, P. O. Box 427, Tuckerman |
| 18. Weaver's Chapel Rev. Jerry Taylor, Rt. 2, Box 200, Batesville |
| Mrs. Darla Clouse, Rt. 2, Box 499, Batesville |
| 19. West Helena First F.W.B Rev. Curt Billins, Batesville Faye Wallace, 231 Navijo St., West Helena |
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PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, July 10, 1982, 9:30 A.M.

The annual meeting of the Polk Bayou Association was with the Ballew's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church near Grubbs.

A congregational number "Are You Washed in the Blood" was directed by Ealem Doyle with Rev. David Winfrey as pianist. They served throughout the day in this capacity.

Rev. David Waltrip read from Ezekiel 36 and brought the devotion then offered prayer.

All the ordained gathered at the altar for prayer which was led by Rev. David Winfrey.

The moderator, Rev. Russell Johnson, appointed a committee on committees as follows: Rev. Jerry Taylor, Rev. Tommy Tims and Bro. Devoe Sodon.

The body voted to send a letter of recommendation for Rev. David Roach to Social Band Association since he had moved from Polk Bayou Association to Social Band.

Election of officers and a member to a 5 year term on the Executive Board was at this time. Also a member to a 3 year term on the Ordaining Council. List found elsewhere.

Delegates to the State meeting in August were elected as follows:

Mirl Coles, Linda Crabtree, Velvie Coles, Marilyn Taylor and Elizabeth Odglen.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Sunday Schools — Rev. Fred Scott, John Lau, Delca Blanks.

Temperance - Juanita Shepherd, Marilyn Taylor, Rita Saffell.

Resolutions - Tempie Burrow, Ireta Fitzsimmons, Glenda Conner.

Obituaries - Ealem Doyle, Ray Smith, Fred Wallace.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Batesville was chosen as the meeting place in October.

Rev. Fred Scott will be speaker, Rev. Lowell Graham, alternate speaker, and prayer by Bro. Elvis Crotts.

RECESS

11 A.M. Divine Service

The assembly was called together by congregational singing "Sunlight in my Soul Today" "Where He Leads I'll Follow." "Footsteps of Jesus." Prayer by Johnny Conyers.

Offeratory prayer by George Tubbs. Offering \$121.50.

Special music by Allen's Chapel Chorale "I'm Feeling Mighty Fine", and "I'm Winging My Way Back Home".

Allen's Chapel trio "Here We Are."

The offering was divided — \$60.75 was given to the singers from Allen's Chapel and \$60.75 was given to a sextet of junior girls from First F.W.B. Church of Batesville. This was to go toward their expenses to the National Association in Houston, Texas.

Rev. Bobby Shepherd read from I Cor. 4:1-5 and gave a wonderful message on being faithful. We need to be faithful in Christian Living — faithful in church attendance — faithful to God — and "Faithful to the end of the Journey." He also said the greatest ability one can have is Dependability.

Rev. Curt Billins prayed the closing prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

NOON 1:15 P.M.

Congregational singing "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Standing on the Promises."

Prayer - Bro. Dallas Henderson of Tennessee.

Special music — "Some Day" and "I Won't Have to Worry Anymore" by the Robinson sisters. The sextet from Batesville First Church also rendered a special number.

Rev. Cecil Smith gave a very good message. He read from I Peter 5:8-9. "The Roaring of the Lion" was his subject. He also said we must meet God's standards. He read Colossians 3:18-20, 18, Wives Submit — 19, Husbands love and 20, Children Obey.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Sunday Schools — We, the committee, find that 19 Sunday Schools reported with an enrollment of 1,480 and an average attendance of 1,192, an increase over last year's report.

Remarks: Build our Sunday Schools by emphasizing the need for more faithfulness and the use of enlargement campaigns.

Fred Scott, Chairman John Lau, Delca Blanks Temperance — We, your committee, report as follows: We, as Christians, should be temperate in all things. Remember to abstain from all appearance of evil, pray without cursing, live a clean, dedicated life where we can be a witness for our Lord and Saviour, and stay in the center of His will.

Juanita Shepherd, Chairman Marilyn Taylor, Rita Saffell

Resolutions — We, the Resolutions Committee, resolve to give the Ballew's Chapel F.W.B. Church of Grubbs a standing vote of thanks, for their hospitality today, and for the invitation given to the members of the Polk Bayou Association.

Tempie Burrow, Chairman Ireta Fitzsimmons, Glenda Connor

Obituaries — We, the committee, recommend that the Polk Bayou Association offer a moment of silent prayer in memory of the 21 of our members who have been called from labor to reward in the last year and also for the loved ones they left behind.

Ealem Doyle, Chairman Ray Smith, Fred Wallace

DECEASED:

Allen's Chapel — Miram Hughes, Mary Ray, Dorie Huckaba, Ethel Wade.

Ballew's Chapel — Tom Coleman, Elton Vines, Homer Crotts, Stella Blanks.

Batesville First - Von Watson, Al King.

Blackland Chapel — Letha Turner.

Coffman – Patsy Oldham Colburn.

Macedonia - Rev. Archie Warnick.

Mt. Harmony - Retha Polston, Henry Huskey.

Oak Grove - Ethel Beary.

Tuckerman First - Roe Lewis, Stanley Forrest, Wayne Smith.

Weaver's Chapel - Jerry Sutton.

West Helena First - Gracie Coldman.

The Registration committee reported as follows:

Ministers 14, Deacons 12, Church Clerks 7, Delegates 37, Alternates 12, Other 47, Visitors outside Polk Bayou Association 7. Total registered 136.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

- 1. We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Tommy Tims and find that he is sound in doctrine and faith and moral character. We recommend that he be ordained as a minister of the Gospel at his convenience and the convenience of his church.
- 2. We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Johnny Conyers and find that he is sound in doctrine, faith, and moral character. We recommend that he be ordained as a minister of the Gospel at his convenience and the convenience of his church.

Rev. J. W. Blanks, Chairman

Rev. Bobby Shepherd Rev. David Winfrey

MINISTERS ATTENDING

| Rev. J. W. Blanks | Rev. Bobby Shepherd |
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| Rev. Ray Watkins | Rev. Lowell Graham |
| Rev. Herman Lewis | Rev. Fred Scott |
| Rev. David Waltrip | Rev. Jerry Taylor |
| Rev. Fred Hawkins | Rev. Curt Billins |
| Rev. Russell Johnson | Rev. David Winfrey |
| Rev. David Phillips | Rev. Othaniel Safirt |

Licensed Ministers Attending

Bro. Cecil Smith, Bro. Tommy Tims, Bro. Johnny Conyers.

Ministers Belonging Not Present

| Rev. Henry Doyle | Rev. Dwayne Roper |
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| Rev. Billy Willhite | Rev. Floyd Medlock |
| Rev. Ernest Elms | Rev. J. W. Russell |
| Rev. Kenneth Manuel | Rev. Ottis Richey |
| Rev Jim Richardson | Rev. Henry Obarts |
| Rev. J. W. Roach | Rev. Gary Mitchiner |

DEACONS PRESENT

| Ealem Doyle | Horace Doyle |
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| Devoe Sodon | Harold Howard |
| Elvis Crotts | Jessie M. Curl |
| Virgil Odgen | Tommy Tims |
| George Tubbs | John Lau |
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CHURCH CLERKS PRESENT

Robert Robbins Carolyn Reed Lorene Doyle Brenda Young
Annetta Kelly
Glyndene Deaton

DELEGATES ATTENDING

- 1. Allen's Chapel Robin Richardson, Mirl Coles.
- 2. Ballew's Chapel Elizabeth Odglen, Mae Waddill, Lena Clark.
- 3. Batesville First Jo Ann Daughrity, Juanita Shepherd, Jean Lau.
- 4. Blackland Chapel Gaylord Freeman, Janet Swaim, Natalie Roper.
- 5. Bradford Linda Emery, Doris Curl, David Curl.
- 6. Cave City First Robert Watson, Velvia Coles.
- 7. Coffman Ruby Swartzlander, Beverly Swartzlander.
- 8. East Batesville Ireta Fitzsimmons, Linda Waltrip.
- 9. Grace Shirley Gates, Norene Young, Georgia Phillips.
- 10. Mt. Harmony Jane Reaves, Maggie McLaughlin.
- 11. New Home Cecil Smith, Barbara Smith.
- 12. Newport First Temperance Burrow, Bob Woodruff.
- 13. Oakland Debra Padgett, Ruth Obarts, Frances Smith.
- 14. Oak Grove Gary Lawson, Leonard Healy, Paul Smith.
- 15. Pool's Chapel Tony Carter.
- 16. Tuckerman First Estell Bradley, Pearl Gray, Juanita George.
- 17. Weaver's Chapel Marilyn Taylor, Glenda Conner, Darrell Brown.
- 18. West Helena First Johnny A. Davis, Fred Wallace, Wanda Billins.

FINANCIAL REPORT Spent For Local Causes

| Pastor's Salaries | \$132,413.00 |
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| Evangelistic Work | 11,407.00 |
| Building and Repair | 62,033.00 |
| Literature | 12,575.00 |
| Other | 98,560.00 |
| Total | \$316,988.00 |

Spent For Outside Causes

| Cooperative Plan | _\$ 20.052.00 |
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| Foregin Missions | |
| Home Missions | |
| Education | 1,060.00 |
| Orphanage | 435.00 |
| F.W.B. Bible College | 326.00 |
| Youth Camp | 1,209.00 |
| Associational Project | |
| State and National Projects | 688.00 |
| Other | 1,689.00 |
| Total | \$ 35,693.00 |
| TREASURER'S REPORT | |
| Balance on hand July 1, 1981 | \$ 32.04 |
| Received from churches during year | 1 549 00 |
| 4 Special Offerings | 488.31 |
| Total | |
| EXPENDITURES 1981 | |
| July, To Arkansas Free Will Baptists | \$ 465.00 |
| October, Riverside Graphics, Minutes | 219.91 |
| October, Free Will Baptist Bible College Bldg. Fund | |
| Jan., 1982, Arkansas F.W.B., National Fee | 180.00 |
| Jan., To Rev. Fred Hawkins for expense | |
| Jan., To Youth Camp | 50.00 |
| Jan., Free Will Baptist College Bldg. Fund | 150.00 |
| Jan., Ark. F.W.B. Chrsitian Supply Store | |
| April, Swimming Pool Fund | 100.00 |
| April, Free Will Baptist Bible College | |
| June, Ark. F.W.B. Christian Supply Store | 1.97 |
| Total | \$2,046.47 |
| Balance on hand July 1, 1982 | • |
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A standing vote of thanks was given for the moderator who had served so faithfully for two years and had asked to not serve any longer.

Conference was adjourned and Rev. J. W. Blanks gave the Benediction.

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.

ARTICLES 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 dispersement of money at the direction of the Association.

ARTICLE XI. Power of Association

The Association shall have power to discipline it churches, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsucessful; 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 Constitu-

tion; 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

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.

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) Repentence 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."