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MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

**South Georgia
Association**

OF

Free Will Baptist

CONVENED WITH

SATILLA CHURCH, JEFF DAVIS CO., GA.

OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 1920

Next session convenes with Philadelphia
Church, Charlton County, beginning on
Thursday night before the fourth
Sunday in October, 1921

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PROCEEDINGS

The 44th Annual Session of the South Georgia Association convened with Satilla Church, Jeff Davis county, October 22-23, 1920.

The introductory sermon was preached Thursday night by Rev. C. C. Butler. Text: Psalm 75:8.

Friday Morning Session

After a very interesting talk by the moderator, the body was called to order by singing No. 92 in His Praises. Prayer by the Moderator.

Then called for the letters from the various churches; the letters being received, the Moderator appointed Brothers N. E. Williams and C. C. Butler to read them, as follows:

Satilla—C. B. Hughes, M. T. Cothorn, G. W. Harrison, C. C. Quinn, W. C. Ellis, John Ray, M. L. Harrison.

Pine Grove—by letter.

Oak Grove—S. T. Stanfield.

Liberty—C. Harkleroad, J. C. Giles.

Philadelphia—S. M. Altman, E. W. Shivar and Sister Ellen Altman.

Ebenezer—N. E. Williams, B. F. Blitch.

Ohoope—C. A. Rogers.

Memorial—J. D. Blanton.

Corinth—D. C. Kirkland, Earnest Butler, J. M. Taylor, D. T. Raulerson, B. F. Daugherty.

Alabama—J. W. Harrison, J. R. McBea.

Pine Level—J. N. Johnson, John A. Tanner, W. E. Brigman, Jr., W.

E. Brigman, Sr., G. C. Johnson, L. M. Carmichael.

Glennville—S. C. Plumber, R. A. Yarborough.

Stoney Hill—C. C. Anderson, J. M. Lockley.

Bethel—T. P. Harper, A. W. Hall, J. W. Simmons.

Maretta—Not represented.

Mariana—A. Minchew.

Fishing Creek—T. H. Smith and Sister Sarah Smith.

Harmony—J. S. Howard and J. L. Brown.

Brooker—Cliff Andrews.

New Hope—Not represented.

Big Creek—Not represented.

Spring Grove—Not represented.

By motion, Brother J. A. Baxter's name was entered as a delegate from Ebenezer Church, and after the roll call the Moderator declared the body permanently organized.

By motion the body voted to elect officers by acclamation, to-wit:

J. A. Blanton, Moderator; W. E. Brigman, Sr., Assistant Moderator; W. H. DeLoach, Clerk; John M. Taylor, Treasurer.

By motion, the body received Prof. A. R. Flowers of the Western Conference of North Carolina, as a member of this body.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters: There being none.

Then called for corresponding messengers and received Brother M. A. Woodard, from the Midway Association; Brother J. B. Harris, from the Little River Association; Brother J. V. McLamb, from the Georgia Union.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the visiting brethren by the entire body.

By motion, Sisters Brewton and Fannie Kate Davis were received as delegates from Alabama Church.

By motion, the body adjourned until 1:30 for preaching, by singing No. 22 in Praise Evangel.

Prayer by Brother J. N. Johnson.

There was preaching at 11 o'clock by Rev. J. O. Fennell.

Friday Afternoon Session

The body was called to order as per adjournment by singing No. 114 in His Praise.

Prayer by Brother S. A. Brewton.

After the roll call the Moderator declared the body ready for business.

The Moderator then asked the temporary preaching committee to make their report at once as to who was to preach at 7:30 p. m.

The Moderator then appointed Brothers C. C. Coursey and B. F. Blitch to assist the Clerk in arranging the various committees.

The Moderator then gave thirty minutes recess for that purpose.

The body was called to order as per adjournment.

By motion, Brothers A. F. DeLoach was received as a delegate from Glennville Church.

By motion, Sisters Plumber and Mae Kicklighter were received as delegates from the Glennville Church.

By motion, the body adjourned until 9 o'clock, Saturday morning.

Prayer by Brother M. A. Woodard.

The body adjourned by singing No. 183 in His Praise.

Benediction by Brother E. B. Joyner.

Preaching Friday night by Brothers J. B. Harris and A. B. Flowers.

Saturday Morning Session

The body was called to order by singing No. 95 in Ringing of Joy Bells.

Prayer by Brother J. S. Howard.

By motion the letter from Fishing Creek Church was received and delegates seated.

Then received petitionary letters from Harmony and Brooker Churches from Bradford County, Florida, and seated the delegates.

Then called for the reports of the committees as follows:

Denominational literature, received and adopted.

Character and usefulness of the ministry, received and adopted.

Union meetings, received and adopted.

By motion the body adjourned until 1:30 for preaching.

Benediction by Brother I. J. Blanton.

Preaching at 11 o'clock by Brother E. B. Joyner.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The body was called to order by singing No. 32 in The Perfect Praise.

Prayer by Brother C. C. Coursey.

After roll call the body continued on the committee reports

And on the report of state of churches, the body voted for Marietta Church to withdraw from offenders (see report), or the Association will dismiss it from the body.

The Clerk having used \$4.65 of his own funds on having the last minutes printed, the body paid same by public collection. All the committees not having their reports ready, the body took up miscellaneous business.

Miscellaneous Business: By motion, Brother E. B. Joyner be sent as a corresponding messenger to the Midway Association; Brother J. A. Blanton, to the Georgia Union; Brother J. W. Simmons to the Little River; Brother A. J. Williams to the Chattahoochee; Brother C. Thomas to the Ogeechee; Brother J. A. Blanton to the State Convention at Deep Creek Church, and \$12.75 was raised for his expenses.

Brothers J. N. Johnson and W. B. Surrency was appointed to serve with Brother S. A. Brewton as trustee of the South Georgia Association.

The executive committee was released for good and all power entrusted to them placed in the hands of the trustees, to buy and sell and make deeds to all property ordered sold by the Association.

Finance report received and adopted. (See report.)

By motion the body voted to pay the Corresponding messengers expenses. To Brother J. B. Harris, \$2.42; to Brother M. A. Woodard, \$8.00; to Brother J. V. McLamb, \$3.12.

By motion the body voted to pay to the Clerk \$40.00 for printing of the minutes with the privilege of drawing on the Treasurer for more if needed.

By motion, the body voted to pay the Clerk \$15.00 for his services.

By motion the body gave the Moderator \$15.00.

By motion the body voted to hear the report of the investigating committee from last Association. Report received and adopted. (See report.)

Brother A. F. DeLoach made a move to throw it out of the Association and keep it out, and was sustained, and placing all concerned back as they were before it entered the Association.

By motion, the body voted to adjourn to meet with Philadelphia Church, Charlton County, Georgia, on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in October, 1921.

By motion the body voted a resolution of thanks to Satilla Church and the Clerk to write it and have it printed in the minutes.

The parting hand was taken while the choir sang "God Be With You

"Till We Meet Again," which was one of the most thrilling scenes of the Association. Thus ending the 44th session of the South Georgia Association.

EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, present the following report, for the consideration of the body, with such amendments as the Association may deem it necessary to make:

1. We recommend that our pastors encourage and support the cause of Christian education in their churches; and to suppress the spirit of bigotry, snobbery, and ill-gotten gains among our young people.
2. That the members of our churches give more diligent study to the reading of their Bibles, and to such wholesome literature as they may find it possible to read.
3. That our young people and our children be encouraged to read only such literature as would create and cultivate a desire for the making of the purity of life and conduct.
4. That this Association consider the advisability of appointing an educational board; and that the Association ask each union meeting in the Association to appoint similar boards whose duty it shall be to look after the educational interest of the denomination.

N. E. Williams,
E. W. Shivar,
John Ray, Committee.

TEMPERANCE

Realizing the evils of intemperance in its various forms, we your committee, submit the following report, subject to such amendments as the Association may see fit to make:

1. That each pastor avail himself of every opportunity to place his churches in a full possession of the evils of the various characters of intemperance, so prevalent among our people.
2. That every member of our church take a position against the illicit manufacture, distribution and sale of intoxicating liquors and that they exert their influence against the improper indulgence of its use.
3. That our young people be encouraged to guard against the seducing tendencies that inflate our young people with the disposition to be pleasure seekers, rather than duty doers.
4. We recommend that this Association consider the advisability of appointing a Temperance Board, whose duty it shall be to look after the welfare of the denomination in the cause of temperance.

Miss Ellen Altman, Mrs. S. C. Plumber, Mrs. Mae Kicklighter, Com.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

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We beg to submit this, our report: We recommend that we use our own denominational literature, but we have our Minutes printed where we can get it done quickest and best.

We recommend that our people read the Bible more, that they may be

endowed with more knowledge from God and the Holy Child Jesus.

J. W. Harrison, C. A. Rogers, J. R. McBea, Committee.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on State of Churches, beg to make this our report:

We find as near as we know that all our churches are in order, except Marietta. We find that it has no pastor and was not represented last year. We recommend that Brother C. C. Coursey make a statement to this body as to the condition of the church, as near as he knows it, and that the body take such steps as they deem best for the benefit of the church.

J. A. Baxter, T. P. Harper, L. M. Carmichael, Committee.

CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY

We your committee, submit the following report: We find all of our ministers in good standing, and doing the best that their circumstances will permit; except, we find that there is not as much brotherly kindness existing between them as there should be, and we ask that they reform from it; except Brother A. B. Bowen, and we recommend that this body call in his credentials, and his church deal with him.

G. W. Harrison, B. G. Daughtry, Earnest Butler, R. A. Yarborough, Com.

DESTITUTION

We beg leave to make this our report:

We find all of our churches in good spiritual condition, except Marietta Church and New Hope, and we recommend that this body investigate and find out the true condition of these churches, and why they failed to be represented.

G. C. Johnson, W. T. Cothren, J. C. Giles, J. W. Lockley, Committee.

OBITUARIES

We, your committee, submit the following report: We find from the reading of the letters from the churches, that the Lord has been merciful unto us, by calling such a few of our members from our midst, of which we are thankful.

We also find that the good Lord in His all wise power saw fit to call home one of our dear, old soldiers of the Cross, our dear, old Brother J. L. Henderson, for which we recommend that one page of our minutes be draped in his memory.

W. E. Brigman, Jr., J. W. Simmons, S. C. Plumber, Committee.

FINANCE

We, your committee on finance, submit this our report:

We find sent up from the various churches, for all purposes\$149.82

For Minutes\$75.25

Superannuated Funds\$48.15

Home Missions\$24.42

State Convention Purposes\$ 2.00

Respectfully submitted,

C. C. Quinn, C. Harkleroad, W. C. Ellis, Committee.

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on nominations, submit the following report:

We recommend that the next session meet with Philadelphia Church, Charlton County, Ga., commencing on Thursday night before the 4th Sunday in October, 1921, Elder C. Thomas to preach the introductory sermon.

Delegates will be met at Folkston, Ga., on Thursday.

B. F. Blitch, Willie Rogers, S. M. Altman, Committee.

UNION MEETINGS

We, your committee on union meetings, recommend that we hold four union meetings this year. The first to be held with Harmony Church, Bradford County, Florida, commencing on Friday, before the fifth Sunday in January. Delegates to be met at Lake Butler, Fla. Second to at Stony Hill Church, Tattnall County, Georgia, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in May. Delegates to meet at Glenville, Ga. Third at Mariana Church, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in July. Delegates to meet at Alma, Ga. Fourth at Bethel Church, Bacon County, commencing on Friday before the fifth Sunday in October. Delegates to meet at Alma, Ga.

A. F. DeLoach, S. T. Stanfield, A. W. Hall, D. C. Kirkland, C. C. Anderson, Committee.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee on support of the ministry, make the following report:

We find from the reading of the letters of the churches that some of them are doing well, but none are meeting their obligations as we should. No church should be satisfied until they provide a parsonage for their pastor, and meet every necessity of their life, so that they can give their whole time to the ministry.

W. E. Brigman, D. T. Raulerson, John A. Tanner, Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your committee, beg to report:

1 We believe that every church should have an evergreen Sunday School; our belief being based on statistics of prison authorities there being 95 per cent of criminals non-Sunday School attendants. 95 per cent of our preachers were brought up in Sunday Schools.

2 That each and every one of us endeavor to encourage the Sunday School work.

S. M. Altman, W. E. Brigman, C. B. Hughes, Mrs. Crawley Davis, Mrs. S. A. Brewton, Committee.

SUPERANUATED FUNDS

From last session \$35.16

At present session \$53.65

Total \$88 81

DISBURSEMENTS

To Rev. E. Nobles \$25.00
To Rev. S. G. Smith \$25.00
To Mrs. Bonham \$12.46

Total \$62.46

Balance on hand \$26.35

Home mission funds, left in my hands from last session \$38.05

Amount left in my hands from last session as associational funds .. \$4.65

D. W. ZARN, Treasurer.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Home mission funds from last session \$33.25

At present \$24.42

In the hands of D. W. Zorn from last session \$38.05

Total \$95.72

Superannuated Funds \$48.15

Minutes \$75.25

State Convention \$ 2.00

Associational funds in hands of D. W. Zorn from last session \$ 4.65 \$130.05

Total \$225.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to J. W. Taylor expenses to State Convention \$8.00

Paid for minutes \$5.00

Paid to J. N. Johnson superannuated fund \$48.15

Paid J. B. Harris \$2.42

Paid M. A. Woodard \$8.00

Paid J. B. Lamb \$3.15

Paid for minutes \$40.00

Paid Clerk \$15.00

Paid Moderator \$15.00

Total \$148.37

Balance \$73.40

Sunday collection \$12.88

Total \$86.28

Paid to J. A. Blanton State Convention 6.00

Balance \$80.28

JOHN M. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

PREACHING

Thursday, 7:30 p. m.—C. C. Butler.

Friday, 11 a. m.—J. O. Fennell, Ephesians 6:8-16

Friday 7:30 p. m.—J. B. Harris, Mat. 5.

Saturday, 11 a. m.—E. B. Joyner, I Cor. 1:3-9.

Saturday, 7:30 p. m.—A. R. Flowers, Prov. 27:12.

Sunday, 9:30 a. m.—M. A. Woodard, Romans 3:22.

Sunday, 11 a. m.—A. R. Flowers, "Thou givest thy good spirit to instruct me." Nemeiah.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee, beg to report as follows: On close examination of church minute book, we find that the church was justified in expelling Brother T. G. Crosby on non-fellowship, and we find nothing against Brother B. F. Bratcher, and by unanimous vote of the church present and visitors he was sustained.

A. F. DeLoach, J. W. Harrison, Committee.

Sacred to the Memory of
BROTHER J. Q. HENDERSON
Asleep in Jesus, blessed sleep, where none
ever wakes to weep.

We the preachers and delegates of the South Georgia Association, tender our heartfelt thanks to Satilla Church and community at large for their kind hospitality to us while in their midst; and we pray God's richest blessings to rest upon them, and may His blessed spirit ever guide them through right, justice and peace. Amen.

W. H. DeLoach, Clerk.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

J. A. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.
I. J. Blanton, Surrency, Ga.
E. Nobles, Blackshear, Ga.
C. C. Butler, Alma, Ga.
Peter McLean, Alma, Ga.
J. O. Fennell, Jesup, Ga.
C. Thomas, Reidsville, Ga.
S. G. Smith, Hazlehurst, Ga.
C. C. Coursey, Lyons, Ga.
B. F. Bratcher, Bristol, Ga.
S. Herrin, Jesup, Ga.
W. J. Taylor, Jesup, Ga.
G. W. Jones, Hazelhurst, Ga.
E. B. Joyner, Lake Butler, Fla.
A. L. Thornton, Hazlehurst, Ga.

Licentiates

L. Crosby.
B. A. Altman, Folkston, Ga.
J. L. Carter.

Those Present at This Session

J. A. Blanton, I. J. Blanton, C. C. Butler, J. O. Fennell, C. Thomas, C. C. Coursey, B. F. Bratcher, G. W. Jones, E. B. Joyner, A. L. Thornton, and B. A. Altman.

Official Members of the Association

J. A. Blanton, Moderator, Surrency, Ga.
W. H. DeLoach, Clerk, Glennville, Ga.
John M. Taylor, Treasurer, Alma, Ga.

Superannuated Board

S. A. Brewton, Chairman, Blackshear, Ga.
J. N. Jordan, Rockingham, Ga.
D. W. Zorn, Treasurer, Glennville, Ga.

Trustees

S. A. Brewton, Blackshear, Ga.; J. N. Johnson, Rockingham, Ga.
W. B. Surrency, Glennville, Ga.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God through Jesus Christ, and adopted the following articles as our confession of Faith, we now give ourselves to each other 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 mutual upbuilding in Gospel faith, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond 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 building up of the church and the denomination and for the salvation of sinners.

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

3. We will endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His Church, and to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for support of our pastor and other necessary expenses of the church. Any members failing to observe this covenant shall be dealt with by the church.

4. We also promise that, unless providentially hindered, we will attend upon public worship, the social meetings of the church and report ourselves regularly at the monthly conferences and that we will walk in all ordinances of the Lord's house.

5. We covenant and agree that we will abstain from all vain amusements and sinful conformity to the world; that we will not traffic in the use or furnish to others intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and that we will sustain the benevolent enterprises of our denomination and church, such as Missions, Education, Sabbath Schools, Moral Reform and all others which tend to the glory of God and to the welfare of men; and may the God of

peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may join the glorified around the throne of God in ascribing blessings, honor, glory and power to Him that sitteth on the throne and unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall be known as the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, whose duty it is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn finally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote all moral and benevolent means and institutions, such as Education, Sabbath Schools, Missionary Work, etc.

2. It shall be composed of the Ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto, and legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirements of the Churches: Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them. Give name and postoffice of the church clerk, give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and died; also the number of members and the amount paid Associational purposes.

4. This Association shall be considered an ecclesiastical body, and shall control all the various churches composing the same so far as Gospel order extends. Also, no houses or lands shall be sold or disposed of without her consent. Each male member shall be required to pay 25 cents annually as superannuated funds, and any member failing to comply with this shall be noted by the church.

5. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

6. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

7. Churches sending delegates to this Association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

8. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority vote.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father of whom are all things, from everlasting to everlasting, glorious immutable in all His attributes.—I Cor. 8:16; Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is but one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world because of the great love wherewith He loved the world and Christ as freely gave himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of

Heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead. 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1 John 2:2.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 2:1, 4:4, 5:6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any one should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 10:16; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; 1 Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him; but as the scriptures has said, for denying the Lord that bought them, because they believed not in the only begotten son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men, it follows against all contradiction that all men at one time or other are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe that the whole scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe the gospel.—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ, His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching; whereas such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day own their condemnation just and charge themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psa. 1:1; Tit. 5:11-12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considering such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought them, and therefore shall bring upon themselves swift destruction, but we observe that they are such the Apostles saith because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein, for there is no respect of persons with God.—Judges 1:14; Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-10.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God in their own person are only subject

to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of Adam, and not that any one of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin. Of such is the kingdom of God.—I Cor. 15:32; Matt. 1:3-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 19:14.

12. We believe that the good works are the fruits of saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace and not out of the use of those means eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own work, power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20:21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet as not having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect of mere choice, farther than he hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly who dies in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-11; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe in teaching gospel ordinances, in believer's baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, praying, singing praise unto God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark. 16:15-16; Acts 8:17-19-6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; James 5:14.

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion and the believers are the only subjects for the baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 3:3-29; Rom. 6:4; Cor. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead, and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28-29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal, and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 23:26.

DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceeding session shall preside until their successor shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission of the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After a motion has been decided, any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without the permission of the presiding officer, and none will take final leave of absence without permission of the body.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The body shall be opened and closed with prayer.

2. Call for church letters and have them read and the names of the Ministers and Delegates enrolled.

3. Elect Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot.

4. Call for petitionary letters.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.

6. Call for corresponding messengers.

7. Appointment of several committees.

8. Unfinished business.

9. Report of committees.

10. Miscellaneous business.

11. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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