

MINUTES

OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF

THE SOUTH GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Convened at the Free Will Baptist Church, 242
Orange St., Jacksonville, Fla. On Thursday
Night, before the Fourth Sunday
in October, 1906.

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MINUTES

The fifty-third annual session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convened with the First Free Will Baptist church, 2424 Orchard St., Jacksonville, Fla., on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1929.

Introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. A. Blanton, from Jeremiah 1; 1.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

The Association assembled for business and after devotional services, conducted by Elder E. B. Joiner of Alma, Ga., the address of welcome was delivered to the delegates and visitors from the various churches by the moderator. T. E. Harrison was elected clerk pro tem.

The body entered into an organization by calling for the letters from the various churches.

Letters from the following churches were received and delegates enrolled:

Oak Grove church—Mrs. C. C. Coursey, Bennie Coursey, Johnnie Coursey, Daniel Coursey, Bessie Coursey, J. C. Kicklighter, E. H. Richardson, J. H. McClain and J. F. McClain.

Alma church—Jessie Watson and E. Wheeler.

Pine Grove church—Dock Bryson and Mrs. Miller Leightsey.

New Hope church—R. J. Anderson and B. H. Anderson.

Bethel church—G. W. Burkett.

Ebenezer church—L. J. Anderson, D. E. Williamson, Mrs. J. A. Baxter, Mr. R. L. Franklin, Mrs. R. L. Franklin, Mrs. H. M. Baxter and W. B. Baxter.

Harmony church—O. V. Brooks and Everett Crawford.

Philadelphia church—N. Roddenberry, S. M. Altman, Mrs. S. M. Altman and Mr. B. A. Altman.

Memorial church—Gordan Paige and Mrs. Gordan Paige.

Jacksonville church—T. O. Morgan.

Pine Level church—J. B. Brigman, W. J. Coursen and J. N. Johnson.

Fishing Creek church—T. H. Smith, Mrs. T. H. Smith, Mrs. W. C. Holland, Nezzie Holland and Mrs. E. L. Paulk.

Corinth church—John Allen and Mrs. John Allen.

Glennville church—R. E. Kicklighter, Mrs. D. A. Zorn and W. H. DeLoach.

Liberty church—C. Harkleroad, Mrs. N. C. Blanton, J. C. Giles and Nat Winters.

Satilla church—Alvin Quinn, L. L. Thompson, Vernon Hughes and T. E. Harrison.

Alabaha church—C. B. Brewton, Mrs. C. B. Brewton, G. C. Brewton and Brussell Brewton.

Moderator appointed Bro. G. W. Cloud and Bro. J. N.

Johnson to read the church letters.

Letters read and delegates enrolled.

The following ministers were present:

J. A. Blanton, J. B. Harris, J. A. Evans, I. J. Blackwelder, G. W. Jones, C. C. Coursey, E. B. Joiner, E. L. Paulk, W. S. Powell and T. O. Morgan.

Business session was adjourned at 11:30 for a sermon to be preached by Rev. J. B. Harris, who spoke from the text, "What will Thou have me to do?", John 14. A spiritual masterpiece was delivered after which a wholesome lunch was served on the church yard.

FRIDAY, 2:00 P. M.

The body was called to order by singing No. 20, His Service Songs. Prayer by Bro. J. A. Blanton.

The associated body was permanently organized by electing the following officers: E. B. Joiner, Moderator; J. B. Harris, Assistant Moderator; T. E. Harrison, Clerk; and John M. Taylor, Treasurer.

The delegation roll was called by the clerk.

Filled vacancy on the ordaining council by electing Elder I. J. Blackwelder.

The case of Bro. W. S. Powell, who recently joined Satilla Free Will Baptist church as an Ordained Minister from the Missionary Baptist was put in charge of the ordaining council for examination.

Moderator appointed Bro. J. H. DeLoach to assist the clerk in arranging the various committees.

The Moderator called for visitors. Bro. E. M. Reed of the Nazarenes, Mrs. Bessie Allen of the Methodist, Bro. A. R. Flowers of the Free Will Baptist, responded.

The Moderator called for corresponding messengers. Bro. T. O. Brown was received from the Little River Association.

The body adjourned for supper to be served on the church yard at 6:00 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. J. N. Johnson.

At 6:30 a devotional service was conducted by Elder E. B. Joiner.

At 7:30 Elder E. B. Joiner, delivered to the associated body and visitors a great message, from Jeremiah 4:6

Opportunity given for church membership while singing song No. 10, His Service Songs.

Devotional committee report: Elder C. C. Coursey to preach Saturday at 11:30 A. M.

Adjourned to meet back in regular business session Saturday A. M., 9:00 o'clock.

Prayer by Bro. I. J. Blackwelder.

SATURDAY, 9:00 O'CLOCK, A. M.

The Association came together at the appointed time, by the entire body singing song No. 127 in His Service Songs. The Association was declared open for business by the Moderator after having the clerk to read the decorum.

The Moderator called for the reports from the various committees and the following were read and received and committee discharged:

Temperance, Obituary, Destitution, Sabbath Schools, Education, State of Churches, Denominational Literature, Nominations. (See Reports.)

The report on Support of the Ministry was tabled and Bro. J. N. Johnson was appointed by the chairman of this committee to assist them.

Motion was made and carried after several very able talks on the proposition,—that the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association churches have a part time Field Worker in our Sunday Schools and his expenses be paid by the various churches.

The business session adjourned to meet back for regular business at 1:30.

Prayer by Bro. J. N. Johnson.

SATURDAY, 11:30

The body assembled for preaching while singing song No. 80 in His Song Service Songs.

Bro. C. C. Coursey preached an able sermon which was inspiring spiritually to all his hearers from John 4:39.

SATURDAY, 1:30 P. M.

The Association was declared open for business by the Moderator, and after devotional services which were composed of songs and prayer by Bro. J. B. Brigman, the following committee reports were read by the respective chairman and adopted: Finance, Character and Usefulness of the Ministry and Support of the Ministry. (See Reports.)

MISCELLANEOUS

It was moved and carried that Elder E. B. Joiner, our Moderator of The South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, be sent to the National Convention to be held in Alabama State as our correspondent representative and that he be paid \$10.00 as entrance fee, and it also was adopted that he draw \$35.00, \$20.00 of which to pay his expenses to Bro. J. A. Evans, and \$15.00 to be paid to Eureka College.

Bro. I. J. Blackwelder was elected alternate.

Union Meeting is to meet with Alabama church Friday morning before the fifth Sunday in December, 27th-28th-29th, 1929. Bro. I. J. Blackwelder, Moderator.

The ordaining council made their report. (See Reports.) The same was adopted by the body.

The treasurer read his report which was approved.

It was adopted by the body that the clerk draw on the treasurer to pay for minutes.

Motion was made and carried that the Moderator, Elder E. B. Joiner, be paid by the treasurer \$15.00 dollars for his services.

It was adopted by the body to pay Assistant Moderator, Elder J. B. Harris \$10.00.

Motion was then made and carried that the association pay to Elder John A. Blanton \$15.00 to help pay his expenses to visit his sisters in South Carolina. A free collection was taken of \$12.27 for same, which made a total of \$27.27.

Motion was made and carried to pay treasurer of association \$5.00 dollars.

Motion was made and carried that Bro. J. A. Evans, 1167 Wolfe St., Jacksonville, Fla., be sent out as Field Worker in our Sunday Schools. after which he gave the body a short and instructive talk on ways and means to make the work a success.

It was unanimously voted to pay Bro. T. O. Brown, corresponding messenger from the Little River Association, \$10.58.

Then it was moved and carried that we send Elder J. B. Harris as our representative to Little River Association, which convenes Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1930.

A free collection of \$5.20 taken for Bro. J. K. Westberry.

Resolved that a vote of thanks be tendered to the First Free Will Baptist church and community for the hospitality shown this body while in their midst.

The Moderator announced that the program of the association had been completed and the clerk announced that no further business was at the desk. The association adjourned to meet again at Fishing Creek church, Pierce County, Georgia, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1930.

E. B. JOINER, Moderator
J. B. HARRIS, Assistant Moderator
T. E. HARRISON, Clerk
JOHN M. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

SATURDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Bro. T. O. Brown preached an inspiring sermon, which was very ably closed by Mrs. Bessie Allen, from Prov. 9;1.

SUNDAY, 11:30 A. M.

Elder J. A. Blanton preached a great message to the associated body from Revelation.

SUNDAY, 7:30 P. M.

Bro. A. R. Flowers preached a spiritual message from Luke 14;10.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

C. Harkleroad, N. Roddenberry and T. O. Morgan.

PREACHING REPORT

Thursday night—Elder J. A. Blanton.

Friday A. M., 11:30—Elder J. B. Harris.

Friday P. M., 7:30—Elder E. B. Joiner.

Saturday A. M., 11:30—Elder C. C. Coursey.

Saturday P. M., 7:30—Elder T. O. Brown.

Sunday A. M., 11:30—Elder J. A. Blanton.

Sunday P. M., 7:30—Bro. A. R. Flowers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

From Last Session	\$ 43.58
From This Session	110.75

TOTAL \$154.33

TREASURER'S DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	\$15.00
Clerk	15.00
Assistant Moderator	10.00
Treasurer	5.00
J. A. Blanton	15.00
T. O. Brown	10.58
Eureka College	15.00

TOTAL \$85.58

Balance on Hand \$68.75

JOHN M. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance beg to submit the fol-

lowing:

We recommend that all professed believers abstain from the very appearance of strong drink. Not only abstain from alcoholic drinks, but in our day walk and act of Christain service. We should pay homage to our Jehovah in humble submission.

Again we urge everyone to prove ourselves by being a living, walking testimony to the very end, at all times proving ourselves worthy of the title Christians.

G. W. CLOUD, Chairman

Mrs. N. C. Blanton, Mrs. M. L. Leightsey, R. J. Anderson, Daniel Coursey, Bessie Coursey and G. W. Burkett.

—Committee

OBITUARY

We, your committee on obituary, beg to submit the following:

It is with grief at heart that we give the list of our dead in our churches:

Fishing Creek—Mrs. Cora Martin and Mrs. Ethel Boatwright.

Piney Grove—J. H. Harris and Mrs. Whellis.

Memorial—C. Murrey.

Alma—Aaron Tanner.

New Hope—Mrs. Eliza McLain.

Harmony—Arthar Dougias and Mrs. Abbie Gaskins.

Pine Level—E. L. Parker, Mrs. Sallie Davis, Mrs. Nancy Groover and Mrs. Levy Taylor.

Glennville—D. W. Zorn, W. H. Surrency, J. T. Rogers.

Corinth—Mrs. Martha Smith.

Oak Grove—Mrs. E. H. Richardson.

Sattilla—Levy Spell and 3 others.

Ebenezar—Walter DeLoach.

Zion—Mrs. T. C. Davis.

Philadelphia—Mrs. W. E. Gibson.

We recommend that the clerks of the various churches put the names of their dead on their respective church letters.

B. A. ALTMAN, Chairman

Bessie Coursey, Vernon Hughes, Mrs. Gordon Paige, Mrs. S. M. Altman and J. T. McLain—Committee.

DESTITUTION

We, your committee on destitution, beg to submit the following report:

The most of our churches are supplied with pastors and in fairly good spiritual condition. We find that Stoney Hill, Ohoopee and Marietta have no pastors at the present.

We further recommend that Bro. J. B. Harris go to Stoney Hill and assist in building up the church spiritually again in the way the Devine spirit leads him to do so. Also, the other churches should receive some Ministerial aid.

D. E. WILKISON, Chairman

Mrs. J. A. Baxter, Everett Crawford, Johnnie Coursen, W. C. Holland—Committee.

SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to submit this our report:

We find only a small percent. of our churches have a live Sunday School, and to remedy this situation we recommend the following: Place one of our best Sunday School men as a missionary in the field to visit one church every two weeks to build up this work as Paul did; revisit them and build up said work.

E. WHEELER, Chairman

B. H. Anderson, Mrs. D. W. Zorn, Mrs. E. L. Paulk, John Allen, G. C. Brewton—Committee.

EDUCATION

Truly realizing the need of a more efficient ministry and a better constituency in church acitvity, be it resolved that we make every effort to safeguard our denomination by preparing ourselves intellectually and spiritually for the Devine undertaking in all Christain work; and that our young people be encouraged to train themselves and take every opportunity to qualifv for the Christain active duties in life.

SAM ALTMAN, Chairman

Nezzie Holland, Alvin Quinn, Nat Winters, O. V. Brooks—Committee.

STATE OF CHURCHES

We, your committee on State of Churches, beg to submit the following report:

We find that most of our churches are in a good spiritual condition, but some of them have no prayer meeting or Sabbath Schooling.

We recommend that our pastors of the respective churches emphasize and make clear to the church the importance of various auxiliary work in our churches.

J. S. BRIGMAN, Chairman

Johnnie Coursey, J. A. Thompson—Committee.

SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY

We beg to submit the following report:

We recommend that the churches of our association adopt the "budget system" and by so doing create a spirit among our members as to their duties in supporting the ministry.

JESSIE WATSON, Chairman
D. B. Bryson, L. J. Anderson, J. N. Johnson—Committee

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee on Denominational Literature, submit the following report:

Seeing the great need of all churches using our literature published at Ayden, N. C., we recommend that all our churches use our literature.

N. RODDENBERRY, Chairman
Mrs. C. C. Coursey, J. C. Kicklighter—Committee

NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, recommend that the next session of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association convene with Fishing Creek church, Pierce county, Georgia, on Thursday night before the fourth Sunday in October, 1930.

We recommend that Bro. J. A. Blanton preach the introductory sermon.

C. HARKLEROAD, Chairman
J. H. McLain, E. H. Richardson, John Allen, J. C. Giles, W. J. Colson—Committee.

FINANCE

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

We find sent in from the various churches for—
Associated Purposes \$110.75
Home Mission Fund 24.50

TOTAL \$135.25

W. H. DeLOACH, Chairman
C. B. Brewton, J. B. Brigman—Committee

CHARACTER AND USEFULNESS OF THE MINISTRY

We, your committee on Character and Usefulness of the Ministry, beg to submit this our report:

As to the character of our ministry of the South Georgia Free Will Baptist Association, some are hardly above reproach so far as we find. As to the usefulness of the ministry, much can be said. We find our ministers fall far short of coming up to the standard, as we understand the word minister:

1. In looking after Sunday School and all auxiliary work in our churches.

2. They do not visit the membership of said churches.

3. They do not look after the worldly ones visiting them and inquiring after the welfare of their souls.

Much can be done in the way of improvement along these lines for our ministers as we find.

We are sorry, however, it is true that we find a certain amount of prejudice existing among our ministers which should be cancelled with love and sincere devotion.

T. O. MORGAN, Chairman
Mrs. C. B. Brewton, R. E. Kicklighter, Bussell Brewton, L. L. Thompson—Committee.

MINISTERIAL REPORT

J. A. BLANTON,	Surrency, Ga.
J. B. HARRIS,	Alma, Ga.
J. A. EVANS,	3561 Fitch St., Jacksonville, Fla.
I. J. BLACKWELDER,	Dukes, Fla.
G. W. JONES,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
B. F. BRATCHER,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
C. C. COURSEY,	Baxley, Ga.
E. B. JOINER,	Alma, Ga.
E. L. PAULK,	Bristol, Ga.
W. H. POWERS,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
A. J. WILLIAMS,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
A. THORNTON,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
W. S. POWELL,	Hazlehurst, Ga.
T. O. MORGAN,	2248 Orchard St., Jacksonville, Fla.
PETER McLAIN,	Baxley, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. T. O. Morgan's licenses be renewed for the coming year.

I. J. BLACKWELDER, Chairman
J. A. Evans, C. C. Coursey—Committee

LICENTIATES

T. O. MORGAN, 2248 Orchard St., Jacksonville, Fla.

Ex-Officio Members

C. C. COURSEY,	Baxley, Ga.
H. N. BAXTER,	Glennville, Ga.
T. H. SMITH,	Bristol, Ga.
J. N. ANDERSON,	Alma, Ga.
G. W. CLOUD,	1167 Wolfe St., Jacksonville, Fla.

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.

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 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 not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the 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 into 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 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 compose 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 it shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the ministers whose membership is with them. Give name and post office of the church clerk. Give the number baptized, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded and dead; also the number of members and the amount paid Association purposes.

4. This Association shall be considered as 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 consent.

5. The officers of this Association 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.

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, the

whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into the world because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ 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. 2:15, Heb. 2:19, St. John 3:16, Rev. 1:7, Acts 24:15, I 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 place 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 moral state, subject to death.—Gen. 2:17, 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that anyone should perish, but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the Truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ has commanded the Gospel be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 10:16, Luke 24:47, John 3:16, I Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer hell for want of a Christ who died for him; but as the scriptures have 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, Hebrew 3:10, I 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 benefits of all mankind, who repent believe the Gospel.—Luke 14:16-29, 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 Jesus 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 teachings; whereas, such as 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 wilfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27, St. John 6:44-65, Psa. 1:1,

Tit. 5:11-12; Jer. 22:26.

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 as Apostles saith because they received not the love of truth, and 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 person with God.—Judges 1:14, Peter 2:1, 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 to come to God, through Jesus Christ: believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24, Acts 8:20-21.

14. We believe that things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever 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 die in sin, unto death.—Heb. 4:13, Prov. 8:22-31, Matt. 25:3-36.

15. We believe in teaching Gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism laying on the hands, receiving the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' 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 16:16-16, Acts 8:17-19, Luke 22:19-20 John 3:15-17, James 5:14.

16. We believe the gospel mode of baptism is by immersion and believers are the only subjects for the baptism.—Matt. 3:16, Mark 1:9-19, Acts 3:3-29, Rom. 6:4, Cor. 2:12.

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

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