

MINUTES

Of The
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Of

Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association

Which Convened With
UNION AND NEW ZION CHURCHES

Friday and Saturday before the
3rd Sunday in October, 1958



OFFICERS—1959

REV. PAUL MALLORY_____Moderator
REV. DURWARD ADKINSON_____Vice Moderator
EVELYN SUTTON_____Clerk
BRO. GENE CARR_____Treasurer



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. J. H. Oates, Mrs. Aletha Deese, Rev. Cleve Stanley
and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

The next session will convene with Mt. Zion, Abbeville, Ala.
both days Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in
October of 1959.

**PROGRAM OF THE
SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY BEFORE THE
3RD SUNDAY IN OCTOBER, 1959**

- 10:00 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....A. B. Starling
DEVOTIONAL.....W. T. Hutto
WELCOME ADDRESS.....Mrs. Bettye Turner
RESPONSE.....Bro. Gene Carr
11:00 Call for Church Letters.
Seating of Delegates.
11:30 SERMON.....Rev. Durward Adkinson
12:00 LUNCH.
1:30 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.....A. B. Stanley
BUSINESS SESSION.
2:30 ASSIGNMENT OF HOMES.....Bro. Cleve Stanley
3:30 ADJOURNMENT.

SATURDAY SESSION

- 9:45 SINGING.....Led by Bro. A. B. Stanley
10:00 REMARKS AND PRAYER BY MODERATOR.
DEVOTIONAL.....Sister Clara Belcher
WELCOME ADDRESS.....Sister Ruby Stanley
RESPONSE.....Dolly Owens
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.
BUSINESS.
11:15 SERMON.....Rev. W. T. Hutto
LUNCH.
1:00 SONG SERVICE.
1:30 SERMON.....Rev. W. W. Hall
2:00 MEMORIAL SERVICE.....Bro. Durward Adkinson
and Sister Blondell Hartzog
BUSINESS SESSION.
SINGING.
ADJOURNMENT.

REPORT OF DISTRICT LEAGUE CONVENTION

JUNE 29, 1958

In the absence of the District League President, the Pastor of the church opened the convention with a song and prayer. The devotional was conducted by the Young People's League of the Goodwater Church.

A word of welcome was extended to all visitors present.

One other church was represented, Evergreen, but they do not have a League.

Our visiting speaker for the convention was Rev. Burkett Raper, President of Mount Olive (FWB) Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina. His message was directed to FWB youth and was very challenging and inspirational.

Goodwater Free Will Baptist Leagues and Church served a delicious lunch.

The business of the afternoon session consisted of reports from Leagues and the meeting closed with a period of choruses sung by the group.

**LADIES' AUXILIARY
HELD WITH EVERGREEN CHURCH
ARITON, ALABAMA**

The service was opened by the President, Mrs. Roy McKnight. Song, "Marching To Zion."

Prayer by Sister Linnie Stokes.

Songs, "Love Lifted Me" and "At The Cross."

Prayer by Sister Evelyn Welcher.

Rev. Paul Mallory read scripture from John and gave a very nice talk.

Welcome Address by Bro. Will Beasley—gave a warm welcome to all.

Sister Blondell Hartzog gave a nice response.

President's Address was given by Mrs. Roy McKnight.

"The Ladies Auxiliary and What It Means To Our Church" was given by Sister Evelyn Welcher of Union Church. She read a beautiful poem, "I didn't have time to pray." Along with a wonderful talk.

Song, "Precious Memories" by special request.

Prayer by Sister Horace Herndon.

Rev. Horace Herndon brought a wonderful sermon, "Pressing Toward the Mark of our Calling."

Dismissed by prayer for noon hour.

House called to order by President.

Re-elected old officers. Appointed delegates to convention: Sister Clara Belcher, Sister Aletha Deese and Sister Roy McKnight.

Roll Call—out of 13 churches only 4 were present. The President urged all churches to organize a Ladies Auxiliary.

Declamation contest under the leadership of Mrs. Aletha Deese was enjoyed by all.

Song service.

A wonderful sermon was enjoyed by all. It was brought by Rev. Walter Houston.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

PLEASANT HILL

MARCH 30, 1958

The Sunday School Convention was called to order by Rev. Taylor. Brother Taylor acted as Moderator until Rev. Paul Mallory arrived.

SONG LEADER..... Brother Thomas Kirkland
SONG..... "Lily Of The Valley"
PRAYER..... Rev. Durward Adkinson
SONG..... "Standing On The Promises"
PRAYER..... Reverend W. W. Hall

Welcome address was given by Brother Edward Givens, who gave a wonderful welcome to all that was present.

Response was given by Mrs. Rosa Adkinson. Brother Roy McKnight gave a wonderful devotion.

SONG..... "When We All Get To Heaven"
SONG..... "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm"
PRAYER..... Brother Edward Givens

The Sunday School Lesson was taught by Rev. Durward Adkinson, "The Church Observes The Ordinances." The lesson was very interesting and Brother Adkinson brought some very good points on the lesson.

SONG..... "Amazing Grace"
SERMON..... Reverend M. H. Taylor
TOPIC..... "World With Up-Lifted Hands." A touching message.
SONG..... "Sweet Bye and Bye"
LUNCH..... Dismissed by Brother Roy McKnight

SUNDAY AFTERNOON

SONG LEADER..... Brother Jessie Farmer
SONG..... "Beautiful Star of Bethlehem"
PRAYER..... Brother Gene Carr
SONG..... "Mansions In Glory"
SONG..... "Lead Me Shepherd"

"What The Sunday School Means To The Church"..... Rev. W. W. Hall

This was a very outstanding talk.

BUSINESS SESSION.

Chester Chapel won the Sunday School Banner for the next year. A motion was made and carried that the Sunday School Conven-

tion take care of all the Sunday School Business.

SISTER ROSA ADKINSON..... Secretary
BROTHER ROY McKNIGHT..... Treasurer
SONG..... "Leaning On The Everlasting Arm"
SERMON..... Rev. Horace Herndon, Mark, 14th chapter

A very good message.

A motion was made to give a rising vote of thanks to Pleasant Hill Church for a wonderful day.

Motion was made to adjourn, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung by all.

Rev. Paul Mallory dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

TO BE HELD WITH HOLMES CHURCH

ARITON, ALA., MARCH 28, 1959

10:00 House called to order by moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory.
SONG SERVICE.
10:15 DEVOTIONAL..... Rev. Stanley Outlaw
10:30 WELCOME ADDRESS..... Sister Anne Sutton
RESPONSE..... Sister Linnie Stokes
10:45 ROLL CALL..... Reports from Church
11:00 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING.
11:15 SERMON..... Rev. Dan Windham
12:00 LUNCH.
1:00 SHORT BUSINESS SESSION.
Each visiting church is to have a program not to exceed ten minutes.
2:30 ADJOURNMENT.

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning

Minutes of the Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association which met with Union Church, Abbeville, Ala.

The Association opened with songs led by Bro. Holt Stokes, "Love Lifted Me."

Rev. Mallette led in prayer.

Songs by congregation.

Rev. W. W. Hall brought a heart warming devotional.

Bro. Roy McKnight brought a nice Welcome Address to everyone present.

Sister Evelyn Sutton gave the response.

The Moderator, Rev. Paul Mallory, called for letters to be turned in. Sister Clara Belcher and Bro. Roy McKnight read the letters.

Motion was made and passed to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

The following ministers were recognized and asked to be seated:

Rev. Durward Adkinson.....	Southeastern Association
Rev. Tetler	Midway Association
Rev. Paul Mallory.....	Southeastern Association
Rev. Rufus Hyman.....	State Line Association
Rev. John Barnes.....	Midway Association
Rev. LeRoy Knighton.....	Georgia
Rev. W. T. Hutto.....	Southeastern Association
Rev. W. W. Hall.....	Dothan, Ala.
R. W. Mallette.....	Georgia
Rev. L. R. Curtis.....	Georgia
Rev. Stephens.....	Dothan, Ala.

The Ladies Auxiliary report from Mt. Zion Church was read by Sister Clara Belcher.

Song service by congregation.

Rev. L. R. Curtis led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. LeRoy Knighton brought the morning sermon.

A wonderful sermon, "A Successful Church." "Not by might, not by number, but by the spirit says the Lord."

Rev. T. B. Mallette dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song service by congregation.

Mrs. McKnight led in prayer.

Rev. Paul Mallory read the scripture for the afternoon from the Book of John.

Rev. Stephens led the congregation in prayer.

COMMITTEES:

The following committees were appointed:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Sister Eloise Commander, Sister Ruth Oates and Sister Myrtle Sowell.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Sister Blondell Hartzog, Sister Julia Slawson and Sister Effie Givens.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Sister Clara Belcher and Sister Jessie McKnight.

AUXILIARY COMMITTEE — Sister Sally Mae Woods, Sister Wue Beasley and Sister Geraldine Ketchen.

Discussion was held on continuing 5th Sunday meetings.

Motion was made and passed to have the Ladies Auxiliary on a Wednesday. League Rally and Sunday School Convention on a Saturday. The time to be set by the nominating committee.

Sister Clara Belcher read the report of the League Convention held with Goodwater Church.

Report of Ladies Auxiliary was read from Evergreen Church.

Reverend T. B. Mallette gave a talk about our orphanage at Eldridge, Ala. An offering was taken—the amount \$40.88.

Reverend Durward Adkinson brought the afternoon sermon, "What Kind of Church Are We." A very wonderful sermon.

Each church was asked to bring \$15.00 to the Association for Association purposes.

Reverend LeRoy Knighton was paid \$15.00 for being on program Friday. A vote of thanks was given to Union Church for a wonderful day with them.

"Till We Meet Again" was sung by request.

Reverend Durward Adkinson dismissed the body with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING

Congregational singing led by Bro. J. H. Roney. Rev. Rufus Hyman led the congregation in prayer.

Song service.

Sister Johnnie Ruth Oates brought a wonderful devotional for the morning. A very inspiring young lady.

Sister Allie Mae Shelley gave a nice Welcome Address.

A very nice response was given by another fine young

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	DELEGATES	Enrolled in S. S.	Pastor's Salary	Dismissed by Letter	Received on Confession	Died	Present Membership	Paid Association Minutes	Other Donations
Goodwater	Chester Pelt Marianna, Fla.	Grace Whitaker Newton, Ala.	Mrs. Loyd White, Chester Matthews, Houston Thomley and Mrs. Irwin Glover	62	\$720.00		4	1	63	\$12.50	\$ 668.66
X Chester Chapel	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Mattie Coates Abbeville, Ala.	Mrs. Ruby Calhoun, Hugh Steed and Chester Calhoun	18	268.18				47	15.00	80.00
Mt. Zion	W. T. Hutto Newton, Ala.	Mrs. Henry Cox Eufaula, Ala.	Bro. Lee Vickers, Sister Clara Belcher and Bro. Walter Owens	48	328.35	7	11	1	87	12.00	10.00
X Holmes	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Eloise Commander Ariton, Ala.	Blondell Hartzog, Julia Slawson Lillie Eloise Commander	30	488.71		3		34	15.00	392.14
Pleasant Hill	George Stephens Dothan, Ala.	Edward Givens Headland, Ala.	Bro. Daniel Calloway, Mae Sasser, Sister Effie Givens and Sister Mable Farmer	20	370.00	3			83	15.00	174.00
Union Grove	Paul Mallory Ozark, Ala.	Wynell Howell Abbeville, Ala.	Bro. Bob Stokes, Sister C. E. Watson, Sister Emory Hamilton and Bro. Lester Starling	35	722.33	5	2	4	234	15.00	728.00
Sardis	George Stephens Dothan, Ala.	W. H. Gilmore Clayton, Ala.	Bro. Johnny Gilmore, Sister Jessie McKnight, Sister Kate Braswell, Bro. Edd Clark and Lee Clark	25	277.41				108	10.00	
Pilgrim Rest	W. W. Hall Dothan, Ala.	Gene Carr Abbeville, Ala.	Ethel Lindsay, Alice Money, Elma Rentz and Lula Money	28	420.53				124	10.00	117.00
Evergreen	W. T. Hutto Newton, Ala.	Lloyd Beasley Ariton, Ala.	W. E. Beasley, Olive Beasley, Geraldine Ketchen, Sue Payne, Gladys Payne and Alga Sue Garner		542.45	4		2	60	15.00	213.00
New Zion	Paul Mallory Ozark, Ala.	Ruth Oates Headland, Ala.	J. H. Oates, Herbert Roney, Raymond Herring, Guy Bulger and Ruth Oates	117	625.00	2	15	2	146	15.00	2,173.88
Friendship	W. T. Hutto Newton, Ala.	Irene Wise Eufaula, Ala.	Minnie Lee Boun, Irene Wise, W. C. McClenny and Ruth Johnson	15	200.50	1	2		41	15.00	60.00
X New Prospect	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Given Sowell Abbeville, Ala.	Myrtle Sowell, Edna Lawrence, Retta Knight and Penny Brown	33	507.29			4	85	15.00	196.90
Hickory Grove	P. A. Brackins Newville, Ala.	Martha Weddle Abbeville, Ala.	Clarence Blalock, Kate Blalock, Colman Blalock, Martha Blalock and Hubert Money		200.00			1	42	10.00	77.50

lady Sister Evelyn Welcher.

The Moderator called for other church letters. Letters from Friendship and Sardis Church were read by Sister Johnnie Ruth Oates. Letters were adopted and delegates were seated.

Motion was made that any church who wants the Association for both days be allowed to entertain it. Also if two separate churches want the Association, it be permissible. Motion was made and passed on to accept this motion.

All ministers present were recognized by the moderator, Reverend Paul Mallory.

A committee was appointed to decide how much to pay officers of the Association and other expenses of the Association. The following were appointed for the committee: Bro. J. H. Oates, Bro. Gene Carr and Rev. Cleve Stanley.

Motion was made and passed to take another offering for the orphanage at Eldridge, Ala.—\$44.82.

Congregational singing.

Rev. Don Pelt brought the morning sermon, taken from Mark. A wonderful sermon, "God is everywhere people will let Him be."

Rev. W. T. Hutto dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song service led by Bro. J. H. Roney.

DECEASED MEMBERS

Rev. W. T. Hutto gave a very nice talk about our deceased Brothers and Sisters.

GOODWATER—Mrs. Gilley.

NEW PROSPECT—Bro. William Bowden, Sister Lettie Davis, Bro. Jim Sherman and Bro. Orlando Hines.

HICKORY GROVE—Bro. Bob Hendley.

UNION—Bro. C. A. Arnold, Bro. Hart Herring, Sister Susie Kirkland and Sister Mary Elizabeth Smith.

EVERGREEN—Bro. Dan Newman and Sister Mattie Paulk.

MT. ZION—Sister Ludie Smith.

NEW ZION—Bro. W. H. (Bill) Wood and Sister Mary Oates Stokes.

A song was sung in memory of our deceased. Rev.

Paul Mallory led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Chester O'Donnell from the State Association gave an enlightening talk on the State Association.

Moderator called the house to order for business session.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Special Finance Committee recommend to the Association that the Moderator be paid \$10.00 for his expense. The Clerk \$35.00 for preparing the manuscript.

That churches be responsible for all expense in preparing the program.

Also, that the balance of the fund of the Association treasury be divided between the Children's Home and the Cooperative Program after the minutes and other expenses have been paid.

Respectfully submitted,

BRO. J. H. OATES, Chairman
REV. CLEVE STANLEY
BRO. GENE CARR

Motion was made and passed that the report be accepted.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating report was given and adopted:

We, your Committee make the following report:

For Executive Committee we nominate Bro. J. H. Oates, Sister Aletha Deese, Rev. Cleve Stanley and Rev. Durward Adkinson.

We nominate Mt. Zion for the Association, both days.

We nominate the following officers for 1959:

MODERATOR.....	Rev. Paul Mallory
VICE MODERATOR.....	Rev. Durward Adkinson
CLERK.....	Sister Evelyn Sutton
TREASURER.....	Bro. Gene Carr

Fifth Sunday Meetings: Sunday School convene Saturday before the first Fifth Sunday in 1959 at Holmes Church, Arton, Ala., March 28, 1959. League Convention, Saturday before the second Fifth Sunday at Union Grove, May 30, 1959. Ladies Auxiliary, Wednesday night before

the third Fifth Sunday, New Zion, August 29, 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

SISTER ELOISE COMMANDER
SISTER MYRTLE SORRELL
SISTER RUTH OATES

DELEGATES TO ASSOCIATION

Delegates to the State Association were appointed:
Rev. Durward Adkinson, Sister Rosa Adkinson, Sister Eloise Commander, Sister Edna Lawrence, Sister Effie Gilbert, Sister Olive Beasley and Bro. Will Beasley.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand.....	\$ 7.71
Received this Year.....	164.50
T O T A L	\$172.21

Respectfully submitted,

SISTER BLONDELL HARTZOG
SISTER JULIA SLAWSON
SISTER EFFIE GIVENS

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Resolutions, wish to ask that our Association name both days at the same church and each church which holds the Association write a card of invitation to all the other churches.

Respectfully,

SISTER JESSIE McKNIGHT
SISTER CLARA BELCHER

Motion was made that this report be recommended to apply with the report given early in the meeting.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We, your committee on the Women's Auxiliary, find the following churches have auxiliaries: Mt. Zion, Evergreen, New Zion, Union, Sardis and Friendship.

We pray that the ladies of other churches will be led to organize.

Respectfully,

SISTER OLIVE BEASLEY
SISTER SALLY MAE WOODS
SISTER GERALDINE KETCHEN

Motion was made that if any church in the Southeastern Association as for the State Association that all churches back the hostess church.

Delegates to different association: Chattahoochee Association—Rev. W. T. Hutto. Salem Association—Rev. Durward Adkinson. Midway Association—Rev. John Golden. State Line Association—Rev. Paul Mallory. Union Hill Association—Rev. W. W. Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Balance	\$ 32.10
Received at 1957 Session.....	200.50

T O T A L	\$232.60
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PAID OUT:

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Acting Moderators—	
Reverend LeRoy Knighton.....	17.50
Reverend John Golden.....	17.50
Reverend W. A. Olds.....	25.00
Children's Home	42.00
Alabama State Association.....	26.00
M i n u t e s	61.89

T O T A L	\$224.89
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B A L A N C E	\$ 7.71
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Respectfully submitted,

BRO. GENE CARR, Treasurer

Song service.

Prayer by Moderator Reverend Paul Mallory.

Reverend Cleve Stanley brought the afternoon sermon.

A very good sermon—"He That Glories Let Him Glory In The Lord."

"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" was sung by the congregation.

Dismissed in prayer by Reverend John Edwards of Dothan, Alabama.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

Conference after prayer and divine service shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Inviting brethren

to seats; (2) Opening door of church for reception of members; (3) Calling for absentees; (4) Acknowledgements; (5) For reference of deferred business; (6) For new matters of debating which are to come before the body; (7) For miscellaneous business.

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 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 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 construction 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 is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: (1) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (2) 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. (3) 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 become 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 whatsoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have 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, and 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 (Matt. 23:23), 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." (1 Cor. 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."

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 conference; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability or 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 and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom 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.