

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Southeastern Free Will
Baptist Association

Which Convened With
PILGRIM REST
FRIDAY
AND
CHESTER CHAPEL
SATURDAY BEFORE THE 4TH SUNDAY
IN OCTOBER, 1963

OFFICERS

REV. DURWARD ADKINSON.....Moderator
REV. PAUL MALLORY.....Vice-Moderator
SISTER EVELYN SUTTON.....Clerk
BRO. GENE CARR.....Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Thomas Kirkland, Bro. Jack Calhoun, Bro. Herbert
Roney, Sister Linnie Stolkes and Sister Aletha Deese.

The next session will convene with Hickory Grove Church on
Friday before the 4th Sunday in October and with Evergreen
Church on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1964.

LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist League Convention met with Sardis Church on Sept. 22nd, 1963 for the annual meeting. Only two churches being represented.

The session was called to order by Bro. Bryan Gilmore in the absence of Bro. Swazey. Opened by congregational singing. Bro. Ralph Baker led in prayer.

Bro. Ralph Baker gave the Devotional on League work. His topic was taken from Matthew. Our League is one of the most important auxiliaries and should be supported as much or more than any other organization in the Church. Bro. Johnny Gilmore closed by prayer.

Bro. Ralph Baker acted as President for the business session. Motion was made to carry on the business session without the officers. Motion was made for a new President. Bro. Ralph Baker was nominated and elected. Motion was made for a Vice President. Sister Irene Wise was nominated and elected. Motion was made for Secretary and Treasurer to remain as it was.

The League Convention will meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eufaula, Ala. on the fourth Sunday afternoon in Sept. at 2:00 o'clock. Business session was closed with prayer by Sister Dot Sawyer.

The Junior League class was in charge of the program. Each child saying a poem and singing two songs. The Gilmore Quartet also helped out in the program.

RALPH BAKER, President

MARY ELLA WILSON, Secretary & Treasurer

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary of the Southeastern Alabama District met with Union Free Will Baptist Church of Abbeville, Alabama, on May 4, 1963. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Lucy Roney. The meeting was opened with the group singing "Bringing In The Sheaves". The devotional was given by Mrs. Ruth Saunders of Union.

Recognition of pastors & visitors: there were no pastors present.

Roll Call: 8 auxiliaries reported. We were very happy to have two new auxiliaries reporting: Sardis & Hickory Grove. Others reporting were: Mt. Zion, Holmes, Union, Pilgrim Rest, New Zion and New Prospect.

New officers were elected which are as follows:

President — Mrs. Blondell Hartzog
 Vice President — Mrs. Thyra Mallory
 Secretary Treasurer — Mrs. Ralph George
 Young People's Leader — Mrs. Georgia Gilmore
 Personal Service Chm. — Mrs. Florence Money
 Mission Study Chm. — Mrs. Gladys Watson

The guest speaker, Mrs. Junior Cook of Dothan, Ala., brought a most inspiring message to us. We enjoyed having her with us very much. She spoke on a most interesting subject: "Young People's Work - The Auxiliaries Responsibility to Youth".

The convention voted to have the next meeting on April 24, 1964, at Mt. Zion Church.

Mrs. Mary McKnight dismissed the group with prayer and afterward everyone enjoyed a social hour and wonderful fellowship.

MRS. LUCY RONEY, President
 MRS. SHIRLEY PEEL, Secretary & Treasurer

1st QUARTERLY MEETING

The 1st session of the Quarterly Meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson. He asked God's blessings on this assembly.

Song service led by Bro. Herbert Roney: "Jesus Is All The World To Me"; "Take Time To Be Holy".

Bro. J. H. Oats gave a very warm welcome to all present.

Sister Aletha Deese gave a nice response. Rev. Paul Mallory brought the morning Devotional. J. 3-16. A wonderful message.

Churches & Delegates were recognized and seated.

Ministers were recognized and seated: Rev. Craddock, Rev. Moody, Rev. Helmes, Rev. Mallory and Rev. Adkinson.

Motion was made and seconded to make up a letter to have at the Quarterly Meetings. The Moderator appointed Bro. Zeke Stolkes, Bro. Herbert Roney, Sister Shirley Peel and Sister Kate Palmer to work on the letter form.

Song Service led by Bro. Herbert Roney.

Rev. Craddock brought the morning message: Matt. 25:14-30. We should train our talents for God's work. A good message.

Song Service: "Our Best". Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Moody.

Song Service led by Bro. Herbert Roney. Rev. Helms led in prayer.

Devotional was given by Sister Herbert Roney. "Pressing Toward A Goal". Real good.

A committee was appointed to work on the Constitution of our Church as following: Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. Charles D. Craddock, Sister Aletha Deese, Sister Loring Roney and Sister Johnnie Ruth Taylor.

Motion was made and seconded to have these people draft a proposed Constitution to be presented before the first day of the Association to be laid on table so it can be examined for adoption the last day of the Association.

A discussion was had to adopt a budget plan from the Church to send to the Association and Quarterly Meetings from the general offerings. Ministers to tell their churches to discuss this matter.

ORDAINED DEACONS FROM PLEASANT HILL

Rev. Paul Mallory gave the Charge to Bro. Edward Givens, Bro. Danial Calloway. 1 Timothy 8.

All Ordained Ministers and Deacons were asked to come and lay their hands on the two Brothers being Ordained as Rev. Adkinson prayed. Fellowship given to them by all present.

A rising vote of thanks was given to New Zion for a wonderful day with them. Rev. Moody dismissed the body.

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING WAS HELD WITH

MT. ZION CHURCH, SAT., APRIL 27, 1963

Song service was led by Rev. Randell Miller. Wonderful song service.

Rev. Randell Miller brought the morning Devotional from Matthew. "Obey The Laws Of God".

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson called on Bro. Lowell Vickers to give the Welcome Address. Sister Paul Mallory gave a nice response.

All Churches present were recognized at this time.

Ministers were recognized: Rev. Randall Miller, Rev. Durward Adkinson, Rev. Cleve Stanley, Rev. J. T. Helms, Rev. Paul Mallory, Rev. W. T. Hutto, Rev. Melvin Moody.

SONG SERVICE

Rev. W. T. Hutto led in prayer.

Special Music: "Where Shall I Shelter My Sheep".

Rev. Paul Mallory brought the morning message: "Man's Time Upon Earth". Job 13.

Song: "Redeemed".

Rev. Cleve Stanley dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon session opened with a song service.

Special Music: Calhoun Quartet. Wonderful singing

Rev. Cleve Stanley brought the afternoon Devotional, 2nd Timothy 3:1-5. "The Signs of The Times". A good Revotional.

Song Service.

The afternoon message was brought by Rev. Durward Adkinson. Rev. 2:9. Need for our Churches. We can't all preach, sing or make speeches, but we all can be faithful to God. A good message.

The letters were read by the Moderator and Cleve.

Motion was made and seconded that each Church send \$5.00 to the Quarterly Session. Motion was made and passed.

Song.

Bro. Emmory Hamalton dismissed the body.

PROGRAM FOR THE SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT**SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION**

MAY 31, 1964

MT. ZION CHURCH

9:45 CONGREGATION SINGING.....Song Director
Mt. Zion Church
DEVOTION.....Bro. Randall Miller
WELCOME.....Mrs. Clara Belcher
RESPONSE.....Mrs. Eloise Commander
SUNDAY SCHOOL PERIOD....Teachers Mt. Zion S. S.

SONGS

REPORTS FROM CHURCHES.....To Secretary

SONG

MESSAGE.....Guest Speaker

12:00 NOON

1:15 SONGLeader

PRAYER

PROGRAMS — Of Churches

BUSINESS PERIOD

ADJOURNMENT

REPORT

The Southeastern Free Will Baptist Sunday School District Convention met June 30, 1963, with Holmes Church as Host. There were 11 churches represented with a good attendance from each.

The program began at 9:45 with group singing led by Bro. Randall Miller. Bro. Durward Adkinson gave the Devotion. Bro. Milton Hartzog gave a friendly welcome and Lucy Roney gave the response. Bro. Arthur Sweezy from New Zion Church taught the Adult Sunday School Lesson and Holmes Church teachers taught the young groups.

An offering of \$45.62 was taken for National Sunday School expenses, and given to Bro. Roger C. Reed, who brought the message and represented our National Sunday School Board Headquarters, Nashville, Tenn. He talked from Matthew 28: 19-20. At 12:00 Noon there was a bountiful spread of delicious food, a wonderful Christian fellowship around an out door table.

The afternoon session began at 1:10. Bro. Paul Mallory, the Chairman, called the session to order with a song and prayer.

Mrs. Mary Ella Wilson, Mrs. Alga Sue Garner and Mrs. Althea Deese were appointed to judge the programs from the churches. Mt. Zion, Hickory Grove, Holmes, New Prospect, and Chester Chapel had programs. New Prospect won the \$5.00 Award. All the programs were good.

Mt. Zion won the Convention Attendance Banner and Hickory Grove won the Percentage Attendance Banner.

Business.

Election of officers for 1964.

Bro. Clarence Culpepper was elected Chairman; Bro. Paul Mallory, Vice-Chairman; Mrs. Lucy Roney, Secretary and Treas.

The By-Laws were read and accepted. The Convention voted to send \$1.50 membership dues to State Convention.

Bro. Mallory expressed appreciation for the Convention to Holmes Church for their wonderful hospitality and all the efforts the made to make the day a good one.

The next Convention meeting will be May 31, 1964 at Mt. Zion Church.

Meeting adjourned.

PAUL MALLORY, Chairman
LUCY RONEY, Secretary

3rd QUARTERLY MEETING WAS HELD WITH SARDIS CHURCH, SAT., JULY 27, 1963 SATURDAY MORNING

The meeting was called by the Moderator, and a song led by Bryan Gilmore. Prayer by Durward. Song. Devotion was given by Rev. George Campbell, reading from II Corinthians, 2nd and Galations 5:2-26. Prayer by Brother Campbell. The Welcome Address was given by Bro. Bryan Gilmore, who welcomed each one with a warm welcome. Response was given by Sister Mary Eller Wilson. Congregational singing led by Bryan Gilmore.

Letters from Churches: Holmes, \$5.00; New Prospect, \$5.00; Sardis, \$5.00; Mt. Zion, \$5.00; Eufaula, \$5.00; Pleasant Hill, \$5.00; Chester Chapel, \$5.00; Hickory Grove, \$5.00; Good Water, \$5.00.

Letters read by Bro. Lowell Vickers and Sister Mary George. Motion was made and seconded to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Song Service.

Ordination Service by Bro. Craddock: Bro. James Q. Draughn, Goodwater, as Deacon. Scripture 3-8 Timothy. Prayer led by Bro. Adkinson. Closed by Bro. Curtiss.

Song: "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Special singing by Steven Gilmore.

Rev. Leo Curtiss brought the morning message: Scripture St. Luke 22-15. A wonderful message on the desires of God.

Right hand of Christian fellowship given to Deacon and his wife while singing "No Tears In Heaven".

Bro. Baker and Bro. Moody have been added to our Association, who desire prayer from all praying people.

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer, Bro. Baker.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing led by Bryan Gilmore.

Devotion by Rev. Ralph Baker. Scripture taken from 4th Chapter of Ephesians. We are called by the Holy Spirit of God. Called by God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Congregational Singing.

Prayer - Bro. Moody - asking Gods blessing on the business session.

Conference in session by acting moderator, Rev. Craddock.

Close out Church year letter by last of August. Change meeting date Friday & Saturday before 4th Sunday in October.

Rising vote of Thanks given to Sardis Church.

Meeting adjourned with singing "Bless Be The Tide That Binds".

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION FIRST DAYS SESSION FRIDAY MORNING

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson, opened this session of the Association by asking Gods blessings on it.
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A Registration table was placed at the entrance of the Church so every one could register during this session.

A Song Service was led by Bro. Roy Wilson.

Bro. Roy Wilson gave a very warm hearted welcome to all present.

Sister Blondell gave a nice response.

Devotional: Romans 3: 31 was brought by Rev. W. W. Hall.
Song Service.

The Moderator called for the Church letters at this time to be read by the Church Clerks if they were present. Letters were read and delegates were seated.

Committee on Committees was: Sis. Jessie McKnight, Bro. James Wilson, Sis. Irene Wise, Sis. Matha Shelly.

The following Ministers were recognized by the Clerk: Sis. Evelyn Sutton: Rev. W. W. Hall, Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Durward Adkinson, Rev. Finch, Rev. E. B. Ledlow, Rev. J. T. Helms, Rev. Rufus Hayman.

Song Service.

Some very nice special music was presented at this time.

Rev. E. B. Ledlow brought the morning message, John 20:19: "Peace Be Unto You". A wonderful message on missions. There is a reward for carrying word of our mission. If you sow good seed, you will reap a good harvest. Rev. Ledlow is a man on fire for mission work.

An offering was taken for our mission home of \$38.88. This was totaled up to \$50.00 out of Association funds.

Song: "Kneel At The Cross".

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Vickers.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song Service.

Rev. Rufus Hyman led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. W. W. Hall brought the afternoon message: "Peace Has Been Taken From The Face of The Earth". A real live message.

Committee on Committee report was given and adopted.

Nominating Committee

Sis. Kate Palmer Sis. Erwin Gilbert
Sis. Lelia Edwards

Finance Committee

Sis. Alga Sue Garner Sis. Blondell Hartzog
Sis. Ruth Oats

Resolutions Committee

Sis. Ethel Lindsey Bro. Lowell Vickers
Sis. Aletha Deese

\$50.00 was given to Rev. E. B. Ledlow for being a guest speaker at our Association.

Rev. Calloway from Phenix City was a welcome guest to our Association.

Song: "I Am Thine O Lord"

A rising vote of thanks was given to Pilgrim Rest Church for a wonderful day with them.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson, opened this session with prayer asking for guidance from God.

Song Service led by Bro. Jack Calhoun.

Rev. Melvin Moody brought the morning devotional: "We Should All Be Seeking Gods Will During These Trying Times". A good message.

Bro. Chester Calhoun brought a real warm hearted welcome address.

Sis. Elouise Commander gave a wonderful response.

Rev. Adkinson called for other Church letters at this time. Sardis letters were read and adopted and the delegates seated.

Congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Calhoun.

Rev. Henderson led in prayer.

Substitutes on Finance Committee were appointed by the Moderator: Bro. William Bush and Sis. Johnnie Ruth Oates Walker.

Ministers were recognized at this time: Rev. Henderson, Rev. Hall, Rev. Calloway, Rev. Hyman, Rev. Moody, Rev. Adkinson, and Rev. Mallory.

Congregational singing.

Some real good singing was brought to us by the Chester Chapel Singers.

Rev. Calloway brought the morning message. "The Summer Is Ended, The Harvest Is Past and Yet America Is Not Saved".

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND POSTOFFICES	CLERKS AND POSTOFFICES	DELEGATES	Enrolled in S. S.	Pastor's Salary	Dismissed by Letter	Rec'd. on Confession	Died	Present Membership	Paid Association and Minutes	Other Donations
Goodwater ✓	Charles Craddock Dothan, Ala.	Grace Whitaker Newton, Ala.	Johnny B. Sanders, Loyd White, Mary Mathews, Aletha Deese	36	\$ 500.00	2	4	4	75	\$17.00	\$ 200.00
Chester Chapel ✓	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Mattie Coats Abbeville, Ala.	H. A. Steed, Dean Davis, Pauline Coates	30	423.19				53	20.00	614.87
Mt. Zion ✓	Randall Miller Enterprise, Ala.	Lowell Vickers Abbeville, Ala.	Lowell Vickers, Clara Belcher, and Dolly Owens	34	762.53		1	3	95	15.00	1,080.48
Holmes ✓	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Eloise Commanded Ariton, Ala.	Blondell Hartzog, Clara Tillman	30	878.39				42	20.00	1,832.31
Pleasant Hill ✓	Melvin Moody Morgan, Ga.	Mrs. Edward Givens Headland, Ala.	Henry Farmer, Mable Farmer, Edward Givens, and Effie Givens	25	420.00				87	15.00	299.34
Union ✓	Paul Mallory Headland, Ala.	Mary McKnight Abbeville, Ala.	Webb Gilbert, Holt Stolkes, Evin Gilbert, and Jessie McKnight	35	816.64	9		5	95	25.00	380.43
Sardis	Ralph Baker Blakely, Ga.	Mrs. Warren Gilmore Clayton, Ala.	Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Gilmore, Albert Pelham, and William Bush	35	850.00	2	7	1	119	15.00	925.07
Pilgrim Rest	W. W. Hall	Roy Wilson Abbeville, Ala.	Ethel Lindsey, John Wilson, J. A. Money, James Kirkland, Louise Wilson, Earl Money	20	581.61	1			113	20.00	951.72
Evergreen ✓	W. T. Hutto Midland City, Ala.	Lloyd Beasley Ariton, Ala.	Alga Sue Garner, Gilbert Garner, and James Wilson	20	641.45	1	1		54	20.00	110.00
New Zion ✓	Paul Mallory Headland, Ala.	Ruth Oats Headland, Ala.	Raymond Herring, Ruth Herring, Shirley Peel, Dot Hardy, Matha Shelly, Ruth Oats	113	1,200.00		11	1		25.00	1,295.00
First Free Will Baptist	Ralph Baker Blakely, Ga.	Irene Wise Eufaula, Ala.	Abe Norton, Lelia Edwards, Irene Wise, Mary Eula Wilson	54	273.65	2	1		54	15.00	67.42
New Prospect ✓	Durward Adkinson Ariton, Ala.	Gwen Sowell Abbeville, Ala.	Thomas Kirkland, Emma Lou Tew, and Gwen Sowell	32	767.75			2	95	20.00	323.76
Hickory Grove ✓	J. T. Helmes Clopton, Ala.	Irene Blalock Abbeville, Ala.	Juanita Hickman, Kate Blalock, and Colman Blalock	41	545.71		5		44	20.00	225.66

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1. We should have an old timey Alter. 2. Put Christ First in our Lives. 3. Repent, Then let God have His way.

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson showed a Certificate of a \$50.00 share that the Southeastern Free Will Baptist Association has in the Headquarters building.

Motion was made and seconded to have the minutes printed by Mr. Harold Herring.

An offering was taken for our headquarters building at Eldridge, Ala., \$45.00. Rev. Paul Mallory asked Gods blessings on this offering.

Bro. Jack Calhoun dismissed for lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Congregational singing.

Special singing by Chester Chapel people. "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow".

Rev. Ralph Baker and Bro. Albert Pelham were ordained in a combined service.

Rev. Paul Mallory read the Scripture and gave the Charge to these two Brethren.

Rev. Durward Adkinson presented to Rev. Baker the Holy Bible.

All ordained ministers were asked to come forward and lay their hand on Rev. Baker and Bro. Pelham. Rev. Rufus Hyman led in prayer.

The right hand of Christian fellowship was given to these two brethren.

MEMORIAM

Memorial Service for our deceased Bro. & Sis. was held at this time.

Sister Kate Palmer & Rev. Paul Mallory brought so many wonderful thoughts to us. "Golden Bells" was sung at this time. Sister Kate Palmer placed a beautiful white wreath upon the table in remembrance of the following:

Sis. Josie Mae Johnson, Bro. Arbie Smith, Sis. Rosie Parker, Bro. Fletcher Brackin, Sis. Vannie Smith, Bro. Royal Shelley,

Sis. Sybil Gilbert, Sis. Tilda Bowden, Sis. Sally Gilley, Bro. Dewey Peel, Bro. Fred Boswell, Sis. Lula Petus, Bro. Jessie Price, Bro. Earby Barrentine, Sis. Nancy J. Thomley, Sis. Flowerence Barrentine, Sis. Minnie Turner, Sis. Hattie Boswell.

Rev. Paul Mallory led in prayer.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, ask that Hickory Grove entertain our next session of our Association on Friday, and Evergreen on Saturday, before the 4th Sunday in October, 1964. We ask that Pleasant Hill entertain the Quarterly Meeting in January. New Prospect in April. New Zion in July on Saturday, before the 4th Sunday.

We ask that Rev. Durward Adkinson serve as Moderator. Rev. Paul Mallory serve as Vice-Moderator, and Sister Evelyn Sutton as Clerk, and Bro. Gene Carr as Treasurer.

We ask that Mt. Zion Church entertain the Woman's Auxiliary in 1964, which will be on Friday night after the first fifth Sunday.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Leila Edwards
Sis. Erwin Gilbert
Sis. Kate Palmer

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, recommended to the Association that the Moderator be paid \$20.00 and the Clerk \$45.00.

Association to be responsible for the expense of visiting Ministers who are placed on program. Also any other expense for preparing programs.

Respectfully submitted,
Sis. Johnnie O. Taylor
Sis. Alga Sue Garner
Bro. William Bush

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the resolutions committee highly recommend that future Sunday School Literature be ordered from the Nashville Tenn. Press by all Churches of this Association, since our National

Association receives aid from this particular press.

We recommend that each church send \$20.00 to Annual Sessions and \$5.00 to Quarterly Sessions of the Association. And ask that this be made a resolution.

We recommend that all Churches have Active Sunday School, Prayer Meetings and League.

We recommend that each Church have at least two Revival Meetings each year.

Resolutions Committee,
Bro. Lowell Vickers
Sis. Ethel Lindsey
Sis. Aletha Deese

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Balance	\$ 59.37
Received at 1962 Session.....	299.28
From Quarterly Sessions.....	50.00

PAID OUT 1962:

Children's Home	43.03
Clerk	45.00
Moderator	20.00
Guest Speaker	10.00
National State Headquarters Building	50.00
State Association	26.00
Minutes	57.68
	\$251.71
The New Balance.....	\$156.94

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Gene Carr, Treasurer

The Moderator, Rev. Durward Adkinson, asked that the Association send a donation to help support our State Association in buying and preparing food. Motion was made and seconded to send \$25.00.

Delegates to the State Association were appointed:

Sis. Kate Palmer
Sis. Eloise Commander
Sis. Rosia Adkinson
Bro. Holt Stolkes
Sis. Linnie Stolkes

Song: "Precious Memories"

A rising vote of thanks was given to Chester Chapel for a wonderful day with them.

Motion was made and seconded to dismiss the body.

Rev. Baker dismissed by prayer.

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) Acknowledgments; (5) For reference of deferred business; (6) For new matters of debating which are to come before the body; 7) For miscellaneous business.

BY-LAWS

Article I — Name

This organization shall be known as the Southeastern District Sunday School Convention of the Southeastern Freewill Baptist Association.

Article 2 — Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to promote the interest of Sunday School in our churches of the Association according to the plan and program set up by the State and National Conventions. Each church should have at least one delegate to the State Convention.

Article 3 — Officers

The officers shall be a president or chairman and vice-presi-

dent, secretary and treasurer, an executive committee and other committees as needed.

Article 4 — Membership

The convention shall be composed of all the officers and the delegates of each church and other members who are present.

Article 5 —

This Convention shall meet annually at a time and place selected by the members.

Article 6 —

The Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Convention by a two thirds vote of the members present.

Article 7 — Duties of Officers

Section 1

President—The President or Chairman shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as needed, call the Executive Committee together when necessary, be ex-officio member of all standing committees and perform all duties usually pertaining to such offices.

Section 2

Vice-President—Shall act in the absence of the president or by request. Shall help in any way to help strengthen the organization at all times.

Section 3

Secretary—The Secretary shall keep accurate records of all meetings of the Convention and preserve all valuable papers and turn them over to his or her successor in office.

Section 4

The Treasurer shall keep an accurate account of all receipts and disbursements received and report same at each Convention meeting.

Section 5

Election—The general officers shall be nominated by a nominating committee and elected every two years by acclamation— all elections shall be held at the business session of the Annual Convention.

Section 6

Fees—\$3.00 from each church is paid yearly to support Convention expenses. Stamps, paper, envelopes, visiting speaker expenses, \$1.50 State Convention Dues, etc.

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 becomes 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**, and 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 Savior 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 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 so 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 tending 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 the 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.