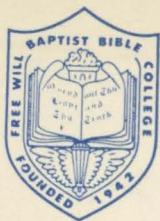


MINUTES
Of The
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Held With The
MT. CARMEL CHURCH
WOODWAY, VIRGINIA
May 19, 20, 1950

The next association will be held with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Virginia, in Wise County, beginning Friday morning, 10:00 a. m., E. S. T., before the Third Sunday in May, 1951. Saturday morning service will begin at 9:30 a. m.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Maek Butler, Dunganon, Va.
 Clerk.....Rev. Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Ass't. Clerk.....Mr. Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.
 Treasurer.....Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Sr., Coeburn, Va.
Field Worker—Young People's League:
 Mrs. Bessie Large.....Coeburn, Va.

Executive Board Members Exp. of Office

Rev. J. W. Brannon, Pennington Gap, Va.1951
 Rev. Ray Gardener, Esserville, Va.1952
 Mr. Cossie Meade, Pound, Va.1953

Wise County Executive Board Exp. of Office

Mr. Dan Sturgill, Sr., Wise, Va.1951
 Mr. E. H. Preston, Jenkins, Ky.1952
 Mr. E. P. Edens, Norton, Va.1953

Wise County Ordaining Council Exp. of Office

Rev. Shélby H. Jackson, Dortchester, Va.1951
 Rey. W. Carson Dotson, Glamorgan, Va.1952
 Rev. Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.1953

Wise County Auxiliary Officers

President.....Mrs. Jackie Culbertson, Coeburn, Va.
 1st Vice.....Mrs. Della Salyers, Dortchester, Va.
 2nd Vice.....Mrs. R. B. Collier, Norton, Va.
 3rd Vice.....Mrs. Lela Dickenson, Wise, Va.
 4th Vice.....Mrs. Goldia Arney, Herald, Va.
 5th Vice.....Mrs. Hugh Ward, Dryden, Va.
 Field Organizer - Worker...Mrs. Goldia Kiser, Herald, Va.
 Sec'y-Treas.Mrs. Mary Bates, Esserville, Va.

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

L. H. Martin
V. B. Thacker
Jake Welch
S. H. Jackson
Fred Taylor
Lee Hartsock
J. L. Meade
Ray Gardener
Robert Dixon
Bill Surette
Mack Fisher
W. E. Kern
S. M. McFalls

Lonza Edwards
James Rose
Paul Harry Miller
Curtis Wynn
Morris Roach
Edgar Baltimore
Mack Butler
J. W. Brannon
Gale Scott
James Fields
P. H. Coffman
Bascom Bledsoe
Earnest Ramey

Deacons

D. C. Sturgill
E. J. Kilgore
Henry B. Hammons
Lloyd Davis
C. C. Bryant
W. C. Robins

Frank Shoemaker
L. G. Ketron
W. A. Zion
Ancil Johnston
Hugh Ward

Delegates

Mrs. Hugh Ward
Mrs. George Willis
Herbert McConell
Mrs. Jessie Willis
Mrs. Fleenor
Lonnie Fields
Mrs. Herbert McConell

Mrs. Bessie Large
Mrs. Oza Melzoni
Mrs. Stella Zion
Mrs. Bell Woliver
W. A. Martin
Dan Sturgill
Mrs. Nannie Vickers

PROCEEDINGS

Friday—11:00 A. M.

The Fourteenth Annual Session of the Southwest Virginia Association of F. W. B. met with the Mt. Carmel church, Woodway, Virginia, May 19, 1950. Due to a small

delegation and the absence of the clerks, Rev. V. B. Thacker was selected to bring the 11:00 o'clock message.

Service was opened by choir singing "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone." Rev. Thacker read for scripture lesson I Cor. 13, using for his text "Love Never Fails," from which he brought a wonderful message.

1:30

Rev. S. M. McFalls being the senior minister in years opened the association by reading Psalm 46, after which a very able prayer was offered by Rev. Mack Butler, and work began as follows. The Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates were enrolled and seated in order. The Association then elected Rev. Mack Butler as Moderator and Mrs. S. B. Culbertson as clerk pro-tem. A pulpit supply committee was elected as follows: Mrs. Hugh Ward, Mrs. Blanch Fleenor and Mrs. Lloyd Davis. They announced that Rev. Butler would bring the message at 3:00, and that Rev. McFalls would be bringing the 7:30 p. m. message. At this time the Association adjourned until Saturday morning at 9:30.

3:00 & 7:30

Rev. Mack Butler read for lesson I Samuel 12:25, using for a subject, "For consider what great things he hath done for us."

Rev. S. M. McFalls read for lesson I Cor. 13, using for a subject, "Love." Two wonderful messages. The Lord graciously blessed His people.

Saturday—9:30 A. M.

The Moderator read for lesson Galatians 6. Prayer was offered by Rev. James Rose, and work resumed as follows. Ministers, Deacons, Delegates, and Corresponding Messengers were enrolled and seated in order. The minutes of the previous association were read and approved.

A discussion on the financial program was heard at this time. Several suggestions were heard. The association unanimously agreed that each Quarterly Conference send to the association ten (10¢) cents per year per member.

The letter from the John Thomas Association at this time was read and accepted with their corresponding messengers.

The letters from Lee and Wise County Quarterly Conferences were read and approved by the association.

Delegates were chosen to go to the John Thomas Association which will convene with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Kentucky, beginning on Thursday morning before the second Sunday in September, 1950, as follows: Ray Gardener, E. J. Kilgore, L. G. Ketron, Cossie Meade, Bessie Large, Nannie Vickers, Mack Fisher, Paul Harry Miller, L. H. Martin and P. H. Coffman.

Rev. V. B. Thacker was appointed to go to the Clinch Valley Association which will convene with the Sabers Chapel Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August.

Delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptist; Rev. Paul Harry Miller and Rev. S. M. McFalls. Association then adjourned until 1:30 p. m.

11:00

Service was opened by congregation singing, "Take the Name of Jesus with You." The Moderator then introduced Rev. Maurice Roach, the Field Worker for the cause of Foreign Missions, who gave an interesting talk on this matter, after which an offering was received to the amount of \$29.10 for this cause. A prayer of thanks was offered by Rev. J. L. Meade.

At this time Bro. Paul Harry Miller being the choice of the Pulpit Committee to bring the message of the hour, read for a lesson I John 2, after which Rev. Roach led in a very touching prayer. Rev. Miller used for a text, I John 2:19. Rev. Lonza Edwards followed Rev. Miller. Both ministers brought wonderful thoughts and the Lord graciously blessed His people.

1:30

Rev. Paul Harry Miller read for a lesson I John 4. A very able prayer was offered by Rev. Alvie Dingus. The Moderator took his place and work resumed as follows. Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates were enrolled and seated in order.

Bro. Cossie Meade of Pound, Va., was chosen to carry the letter to the State Association.

The term of Sis. Edna M. Davis having expired as Field Worker for the Young People's League, the association unanimously elected Mrs. Bessie Large to fill this vacancy.

Bro. Cossie Meade was retained as an Executive Board member for three more years.

Rev. Mack Fisher gave a report on the twelve point program. The same committee was retained to study this plan and to make further reports next year. This committee was Rev. Bill Galloway, Rev. Mack Fisher and Rev. Paul Harry Miller.

The association then voted that Bro. E. J. Kilgore pay from the treasury: to the State Association, \$15.00; to the clerks \$20.00; for the minutes in full.

Agreed that the clerk have 1,000 minutes printed; 150 for Lee County and 850 for Wise County.

The association gave the clerks permission to issue any minister in good standing a card who might mail their reports in within thirty days after the association adjourned.

The Executive Board reported that the next association will convene with the Meades Chapel Church at Herald, Virginia.

The association then adjourned until Friday before the Third (3rd) Sunday in May, 1951.

LETTERS

John Thomas Association:

To the Southwest Virginia Association when convened with the Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, May 19, 1950.

Greetings:

We, the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptists, send the following brothers to represent us in your association, and we pray you to receive them to sit with you in your deliberations.

Vernon Kiser, J. C. Rasnake, L. D. Mahan, Henry Smith, Alva Dingus, Lonzo Edwards, Everett Potter, Harley Dye, Fred Taylor and Everett Johnson and wife.

Our standing is as follows: No. of conferences, 3; No. of Churches, 48; No. of members, 2,396; Number of Sunday Schools, 35; S. S. enrollment, 2,749; Average S. S. attendance, 2,026; No. of ordained ministers, 72; Value of church property, \$66,300.00.

We were glad indeed to have with us Bro. Kilgore, and to receive a letter from the Southwest Virginia Association. It always makes us glad to receive letters from a sister association. It makes us feel stronger to know we are surrounded by co-workers in the Master's work.

We appreciate much in having you be with us and don't fail to send us a larger delegation to our next association when it will convene with the Burdine Church, Burdine, Ky., on Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1950.

Done by order of the John Thomas Association while in regular session with the Ephesus Church, Swords Creek, Virginia, September 8-11, 1949.

W. R. Bise, Moderator
J. C. Roanoke, Ass't. Mod.
Everett Johnson, Clerk

Wise County Quarterly Conference:

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, May 18-19, 1950. We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers, these we hope may sit with you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches last year, 28; number of churches to date, 32; membership last year, 1,729; total membership to date, 1,970; members deceased, 9; state of religion, good; ordained ministers, 41; liscentees, 9; no. Sunday Schools, 31; membership, 2,798; number Youth's Leagues, 10; membership, 600.

Done by order of Wise County Quarterly Conference while in session with the Marys Chapel Church, April 8, 1950.

Moderator, Rev. S. H. Jackson
Ass't., Rev. C. A. Robinette
Clerks: Leslie G. Ketron,
Jackie Culbertson

Lee County Quarterly Conference:

Letter from the Lee County Quarterly Conference to the Southwest Virginia Association of F. W. B. while in

session with the Mt. Carmel Church, Woodway, Virginia, May 19, 1950.

Greetings:

We have chosen the following brothers and sisters as delegates: Edd Allen, Bill Adkins, Mattie Newman, Helen Ramey, Herbert McConell, S. B. Culbertson, Ida Rose, Georgia Witt, Blanch Flenor, Wilbert Martin, Edd Craft, Monette Hughs, Fred Manus, and George Willis, whom we pray may sit with you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches, 7; membership, 225; number Sunday Schools, 7; membership, 552; amount paid pastors, \$1,122.27; evangelistic work, \$606.11; building and repairs, \$1,111.24; value church property, \$23,200.00; ordained ministers, 11.

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference April 1, 1950.

Moderator: Rev. Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap
Clerk: S. B. Culbertson, Woodway

REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

Church	M'ship.	Pd. Pastor	Pd. Orph.	Pastor
Dunganon	204	271.69	153.11	Rev. S. M. McFalls
Cherry Grove	50	112.50	17.18	Rev. C. A. Robinette
Beech Grove	47	63.10	83.00	Rev. P. H. Miller
Belcher Chapel	47	127.75		Rev. P. H. Miller
Beckners Chap.	34	18.00	3.00	Rev. Ray Gardener
Marys Chapel	149	342.60	189.09	Rev. Mack Fisher
Ramsey	67	127.24	10.00	Rev. Jim Ramey
Stevens Chap.	50	94.75	74.09	Rev. Mack Fisher
Mt. Olive	21	157.22	150.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
Wilsons Chap.	51	161.25	154.18	Rev. S. M. McFalls
Big Springs	25	82.00	403.77	Rev. Ray Gardener
Mt. View	28	23.00	40.00	Rev. C. A. Robinette
Indian Creek	98	36.50	126.75	Rev. Carson Dotson
Davis Chapel	50	55.50		Rev. Wade Powers
Meades Chap.	80	109.50	57.00	Rev. P. H. Miller

Oak Grove	84	509.00	304.47	Rev. L. J. Fields
Hopkins Chap.	79	189.30	85.00	Rev. Jim Ramey
Toms Creek	33	61.25	23.60	Rev. C. A. Robinette
Valley View	51	114.54	5.60	Rev. Jim Ramey
Lone Pine	65	80.00	12.00	Rev. Wade Powers
Marthas Chap.	30	30.00		Rev. Carson Dotson
G'morgan Chap	57	228.98	5.00	Rev. P. H. Miller
Dry Fork	45	176.85	10.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
So. Side Chap.	74	146.00	263.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
Calvery	47	154.58	23.00	Rev. P. H. Miller
Inmah	56	103.35	108.93	Rev. P. H. Miller
Stallard	17	16.50	76.21	Rev. J. L. Meade
Memorial				Rev. C. C. Arney
Silicia	18		7.38	Rev. Jim Fields
McClellans	16	18.61	23.82	Rev. J. L. Meade
Chapel				Rev. C. C. Arney
W. Norton	27	7.91		Rev. S. H. Jackson
Tacoma	25			Rev. Virgil Griffith
Dales Ridge	9	12.00		Rev. Jim Ramey

REPORT OF LEE COUNTY CHURCHES

Church	M'ship.	Pd. Pastor....	Pd. Orph.	Pastor
Mt. Hope	61	78.48	47.54	Rev. Bascom Bledsoe
Oceonita	50	268.88		Rev. L. H. Martin
Mt. Carmel	56	302.29	41.32	Rev. S. H. Jackson
Rock Lick	48	121.83		Rev. Edgar Baltimore
Willis Chapel	55	140.28		Rev. P. H. Coffman
Palmer Chapel	42	231.23	109.91	Rev. L. H. Martin
Gibsons Chap.	11	11.00		Rev. Bascom Bledsoe

SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL REPORT TO STATE ASSOCIATION OF FOREIGN MISSION RECEIPTS July 1, 1949 to June 30, 1950

Dunganon Church	\$ 18.20
Virginia Yearly Meeting	29.10
Mount Olive Church	85.40

Big Spring Church	221.05
Toms Creek Church	13.73
Stallard Memorial Church	24.03
Oak Grove Church and Sunday School	102.00
Bearwallow Church and Sunday School	62.52
Wilson Chapel Church and Sunday School	82.13
Mary's Chapel Church	61.01
West Bristol Church and Sunday School	117.85
Southside Church	22.50
Mr. Howard Miller, West Bristol	4.00
State Association, West Bristol	19.35
West Bristol Woman's Auxiliary	10.00
Mary's Chapel Woman's Auxiliary	5.00
Beckner's Chapel Church	25.39
Mountain View Church	2.99
Glamorgan Church	4.13
Martha's Chapel Church	5.45
Lone Pine Church	12.00
Hopkins Chapel Church	7.00
Beech Grove Church	18.00
Davis Chapel Church	13.81
West Norton Church	9.49
Cherry Grove Church	1.45
Dry Fork Church	16.54
Meade Chapel Church	8.50
Tacoma Church	2.18
League—Southside Norton	2.35
Durham Chapel	24.02
E. E. Brickey, Norton, Va.	5.00
Clinch Valley Association	26.00
	\$1,062.17
Anonymous	166.13
	\$1,228.30

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

MINISTERS ANNU

MINISTER	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Held
Paul Harry Miller	280	7	
C. C. Arney	100	4	
James Fields	93		
Robert Dixon	12		
S. H. Jackson	60	2	
Mack Fisher	216	4	
Gale Scott	125		
Edgar Baltimore	200	2	
C. L. Kilgore	55	1	
Lee Hardsock	95		
J. L. Meade	80	4	
J. W. Brannon	22		
W. E. Kern	165	2	
Bascom Bledsoe	62	1	
C. A. Robinette	75	2	
Wythe White	229	2	
Curtiss Wynn	127		
Allen Mays	100		
L. H. Martin	136	3	
Ray Gardener	84	2	
Jim Ramey	125	4	
V. B. Thacker	76	4	
Bill Surette	10		
P. H. Coffman	36	1	
S. M. McFalls	75	3	
Mack Butler	91		
Jake Welch			

ANNUAL REPORT

Churches	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Churches Organized	Funerals Preached	Miles Travelled	Money Preached
7	2	50	45	70	1	40	6,000	\$ 600.00
4	2	40	30	17		7	1,500	50.00
	2	29	14		1	5	2,700	40.00
							200	50.00
2						4	1,500	300.00
4	5	114	75			26		1,491.00
	2	16	1			1		
2	3	60	26			7		
1	1		21	6		3	400	20.00
	2	13	7	6		1	1,414	78.01
4		35	30			7	1,500	50.00
	2	42			1	4	4,000	33.42
2	3	27	9	23	1		800	85.00
1	1	2					960	179.92
2	2	30	25	9	1	6	1,000	209.00
2	10	469	286	286	2	7	6,000	910.00
	4	100	25			1	1,500	43.00
	2	14	17			5	1,400	39.40
3		8	1	9		9		502.50
2	2	16	68	28		10	1,961	705.00
4	2	16	15	50		9	1,000	200.00
4	2					8	1,370	173.86
		12	3				124	
1	1	51	9	20				50.00
3	2		12	11		40		175.00
	1	6				8		840.00
							Oral report	

PREFACE

For well over two hundred years there has been a Baptist people in the United States, who preached and practiced "Freedom of the will." A great many of these Baptist came from Wales and London to the Eastern part of the United States, in the early settling of this country. Among the earliest records available we find the name of Paul Palmer who preached and organized a church in Perquimans county, North Carolina in the year of 1727. This church was later lost to the Calvinistic Baptist. Not only this church was lost, but several others in the course of time were lost, but a sufficient number kept the "Faith once delivered to the saints," that a steady increase has prevailed throughout the years.

Those who are called Free Will Baptist, in North Carolina were first called by this name by those who opposed the Doctrine of "Freedom of the Will." The same thing was true in the north with Rev. Benjamin Randall and his followers whose church was organized at New Durham, N. H. in the year of 1780. The name was later adopted by the believers in "Salvation by Grace through faith" who preached "Freedom of the Will."

Among these believers it was deemed wise to set forth certain outstanding, fundamental doctrines as believed by the denomination. In several of the states there were booklets published setting forth the "Articles of Faith." Many of the Disciplines set forth had different ways of doing things, while the fundamental doctrine was the same in all. These Disciplines and the "articles of faith" set forth the fact that "these were set forth for convenience" with the solemn declaration that "The Bible is Infallible," and in every instance it was plainly set forth that "We believe the whole Scriptures to be the word of God."

In the year 1935 at Cofer's Chapel, Nashville, Tenn., a committee was elected for the purpose of formulating, by way of revision, a Treatise out of the various Disciplines and former Treatises, to be used in Free Will Baptist churches. This committee was composed of the following ministers, namely: J. C. Griffin, Chairman, and Winford Davis, E. B. Joyner, J. S. Frederick, E. E. Morris, W. B. Davenport, Millard Vanhoose, C. B. Thompson, and Ralph Staten, with two laymen, M. L. Morse, and Hubert Post. This Committee worked for several hours and then

reported. A motion was carried that the report be accepted. In the year of 1947, while the National Association was in session at Highland Park F. W. B. Church in Detroit, Mich., a resolution was passed in which seven members of the General Board of the National Association and one member from each affiliated State Convention or Association was to meet and revise the Treatise and report at the next session of the National Association. This committee composed of the following ministers, namely: J. L. Welch, Chairman, R. B. Crawford, J. C. Griffin, J. F. Miller, K. V. Shutes, F. S. Vanhooose, L. A. Holiday, I. W. Yandall, M. L. Sutton, Ralph Staten, Harry Beatty, H. E. Willis, Floyd Cherry, R. N. Hinnant, Seldon Bullard, C. H. Curry and A. J. Lambert met at Cofer's Chapel in Nashville, Tenn., in April and the revision was made and presented to the National Association in session in Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Ark., July, 1948, and was adopted.

BY-LAWS

1. The clerk or assistant clerk, or in their absence, the senior minister in years shall call the Association into conference, and if a quorum is present the moderator, or in his absence, the assistant moderator shall take charge; and if neither of them is present, the senior minister in years shall act as moderator.

2. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to enroll the delegates to the Association, who shall present themselves with proper evidence of their rights to seats therein, and those enrolled by the Clerk shall compose the Association. In case of questionable representation, however, the cases under question shall be referred to the credential committee.

3. It shall be the duty of every body belonging to this Association to send a letter to every annual session of this Association, reporting in the same its spiritual condition, benevolent work, and its statistics. Any body belonging to this Association, which shall fail to report itself for two successive sessions, may be dismissed from the Association by a two-thirds vote of all members present.

4. Each meeting shall be opened by reading a portion

of the Bible and with prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

5. By a two-thirds vote of all members present a ruling of the moderator can be overruled.

6. This Association may correspond by messenger or otherwise with other religious bodies.

7. This Association shall sit with open doors except when it shall go into a committee of the whole.

8. Any person not a member of this Association may be allowed to take part in its discussions by obtaining permission from the moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of all the members of the Association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and any one wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10. No member shall absent himself from the Association during its meetings without first obtaining permission from the moderator.

11. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee, provided the person nominated be elected.

12. The moderator shall not allow discussions when not carried on in a Christian spirit or when he thinks it will cause discord or division.

13. Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator.

14. The "yeas" and "nays" may be counted on any question by request of one-fifth of the members present.

15. No member of this Association shall be allowed to speak more than ten minutes nor twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator.

16. It shall be the duty of the moderator to seat delegates in a body in a designated section of the assembly room at the beginning of each business session.

17. These By-Laws may be altered or amended at any regular or adjourned session of this Association by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

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, Perserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior 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 constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **The Sinfulness of man.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, suffering, 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 Saviour 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 whosoever 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 indorsed 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." (I 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 appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences; public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.

