

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

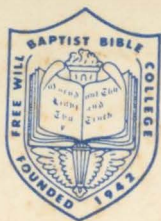
Held With The
MEADES CHAPEL CHURCH

HERALD, VIRGINIA

May 18 - 19, 1951

The next Association will be held with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, Wise County, beginning Saturday, 9:00 a. m., E. S. T., before the Third Sunday in May, 1952.

THE FREE WILL BAPTIST GEM—MONETT, MO.



FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. Damon Dodd

OFFICERS

Moderator Rev. Mack Butler, Dunganon, Va.
 Assistant Mod. Rev. S. M. McFalls, Clintwood, Va.
 Clerk Mr. Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.
 Treasurer Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Sr., Coeburn, Va.

Field Worker and Organizer—Young People's League:

Mrs. Bessie Large Coeburn, Va.

Executive Board Members Exp. of Office

Rev. Ray Gardener, Esserville, Va.1952
 Mr. Cossie Meade, Pound, Va.1953
 Rev. J. W. Brannon, Pennington Gap, Va.1954

Wise County Executive Board Exp. of Office

Mr. E. H. Preston, Jenkins, Ky.1952
 Mr. E. P. Edens, Norton, Va.1953
 Mr. Dan Sturgill, Sr., Wise, Va.1954

Wise County Ordaining Council Exp. of Office

Rev. W. Carson Dotson, Glamorgan, Va.1952
 Rev. Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.1953
 Rev. S. H. Jackson, Esserville, Va.1954

Lee County Executive Board Exp. Of Office

Mr. D. C. Sturgill, Dryden, Va.1952
 Mr. Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.1953
 Mr. S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.1954

Lee County Ordaining Council Exp. of Office

Rev. Bascom Bledsoe, St. Charles, Va.1952
 Rev. J. W. Brannon, Woodway, Va.1953
 Rev. Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Va.1954

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

S. M. McFalls	Mack Butler	V. B. Thacker
L. J. McConell	Ritt Large	James Rose
Wythe White	C. C. Arney	Don Sexton
Ethell Robbins	Della Salyers	H. V. Johnston
Wade Powers	James Ramey	George Dunbar
Homer Bevins	J. W. Brannon	Edgar Baltimore
J. L. Meade	Robert Dixon	S. R. Ball
W. E. Kern	C. G. Turner	Curtiss Wynn
Bill Surett	Homer Richardson	Allen Mays
Vernon Kiser	Jake Welch	S. H. Jackson

Deacons

E. J. Kilgore	L. G. Ketron	Clyde Kiser
Jewell Meade	Garfield Taylor	Charlie Reed
Hardin Brewer	C. C. Bryant	

Delegates

Bessie Large	Ruby Hays	Mrs. Jack Adkins
Goldia Kiser	Nora Carico	Mrs. John Brickley
Jack Adkins	J. N. Carico	Marion Pochodzay
Emory Taylor	Cornell Kiser	Mrs. H. V. Johnston
Thelma Kilgore	Goldia Arney	Mrs. Chas. Robinette

PROCEEDINGS

Friday—10:00 A. M.

The Fifteenth Annual Session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Virginia, May 18, 1951.

The Association was called to order by the assistant Clerk, Leslie Ketron, reading for a lesson Psalm 93, after which Sister Goldia Kiser offered a very able and touching prayer. Due to a small delegation the Association then elected Rev. Mack Butler as Moderator and Rev. S. M. McFalls Assistant Moderator. Appointed a Pulpit Committee—Jewell Meade, J. N. Carico and Mrs. Goldia Arney, and agreed to have worship service throughout the day, adjourning until 9:00 a. m. Saturday.

11:00

Rev. V. B. Thacker being the choice of the Pulpit Committee to bring the message of the hour, read for Scripture lesson Psalm 23. Rev. S. M. McFalls offered a very able prayer, after which Rev. Thacker used for a text "The Lord is my Shepherd," from which he, through the anointing of the Holy Spirit of God, delivered a wonderful message, which was enjoyed by all.

2:00 P. M.

Service opened by congregation singing, "Tell It to Jesus." Prayer was offered by Bro. E. J. Kilgore. Rev. L. J. McConell read for lesson II Peter 3, using for subject, "I stir up your pure minds," from which he brought some wonderful thoughts. The Lord graciously blessed His people.

Friday—7:30 P. M.

Services opened by congregation singing, "An Empty Mansion." A very able prayer was offered by Rev. Donald Sexton, a visiting minister from Kentucky. Rev. Mack Butler read for a lesson Gen. 22:1-19 and James 1:1-2, using the latter for his subject, from which he brought a wonderful message. Rev. C. A. Arney followed using the same subject, also a wonderful message, and God graciously blessed His people.

Saturday—9:00 A. M.

Opening song, "A Million Years From Now." Scripture reading by Assistant Clerk, Psalm 100. Prayer by Rev. Jake Welch.

The Moderator called the association to order and work resumed as follows: Ministers, Deacons, Delegates and Corresponding Messengers were enrolled and seated.

Letters from the various associations were read and received, thus: John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist, The Wise County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist, and The Lee County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist.

The association then discussed the question of Friday attendance. After many comments were made the association voted to drop Friday from the work, and to meet promptly at 9:00 on Saturday.

Rev. J. W. Brannon was retained on the Executive Board; also, Mrs. Bessie Large of Coeburn, Va. was retained as field worker for the Young People's League.

Rev. Bill Blevins, a disabled minister, at his request was granted a card of good standing with the association. The association then adjourned until 1:30.

11:00

Service was opened by special singing offered by Rev. Surett, Rev. Wynn and Rev. Baltimore. Prayer was offered by Mrs. Thelma Kilgore. Rev. George Dunbar being the choice of the Pulpit Committee to bring the message of the hour, read for lesson Numbers 13:30-33, using for his subject, "And Caleb stilled the people," from which he brought a wonderful message.

1:30

The Association was called to order by the Moderator reading Hebrews 13:1. Special singing by Mrs. Quiet Bitner and daughters. Prayer offered by Bro. Bailey.

A report of the Greenville Home for Children was given by Rev. Dunbar; also, an oral report of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist given by Rev. Dunbar, including an invitation to this association for a delegation when it will convene with the New Liberty Church, beginning on Wednesday before the third Sunday in August, 1951. The following volunteered as messengers: Rev. Mrs. Della Salyers, Rev. Mrs. Ethel Robbins, Mrs. Jackie Culbertson, Rev. Mack Butler and E. J. Kilgore.

Corresponding messengers volunteered to the Clinch Valley Association of Free Will Baptist which will convene with the Valley Creek Church on Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1951 as follows: Rev. V. B. Thacker and Mrs. Jackie Culbertson.

Messengers volunteering to the John Thomas Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Pewthers Chapel Church beginning Thursday before the second Sunday in September, 1951 as follows: Rev. H. V. Johnston, Bro. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Grant Eagon.

At this time by the request of Rev. Paul Harry Miller, the Clerk of the Association, his resignation was accepted. Bro. Leslie Ketron was elected to fill this vacancy.

The Association voted to pay from the treasury, \$10.00 to the Moderator, \$20.00 to the Clerk, and to pay for the Minutes in full, and to send \$25.00 along with our letter to the Virginia State Association.

Voted by the Association to have 1,000 minutes printed—250 for Lee County Quarterly Conference, and 750 for Wise County Quarterly Conference.

The Association then adjourned until Saturday before the Third (3rd) Sunday in May, 1952, when it will convene with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia.

We, the delegates of the represented Associations, visiting brethren and sisters, do offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of the Meades Chapel Church and community for their kind hospitality rendered us during our stay in your community.

Respectfully submitted by the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist.

Moderators: { Rev. S. M. McFalls
Rev. Mack Butler
Clerk: Leslie G. Ketron

Lee County Quarterly Conference:

Greetings to the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist while in session with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Virginia.

We have chosen all delegates from our last Quarterly Conference as messengers whom we pray you will receive to sit with you and aid you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number churches, 10; membership, 426; received, 111; excluded and dismissed, 28; died, 2; ordained ministers, 9; number Sunday Schools, 9; membership, 635; number youth Leagues, 3; membership, 146.

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist while in regular session this the 2nd Day of April, 1951.

Moderator: Rev. Judge Collier

Clerk: Mr. S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.

Wise County Quarterly Conference:

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Meades Chapel Church, Herald, Virginia, May 18-19, 1951. We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These, we pray, may sit with you and aid you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches to date, 32; dismissed, 1; dropped, 1; received, 2; membership to date, 1,731; received, 171; dismissed, 106; died, 15; total loss, 289; number Sunday

Schools, 31; membership, 2,183; youths Leagues, 6; membership, 245; ordained ministers, 52; licentees, 9; state of religion, good.

Done by order of the Wise County Quarterly Conference while in regular session with the Stephens Chapel Church, Glamorgan, Virginia, April 7, 1951.

Moderators: Rev. Mack Fisher, Wise, Va.
Rev. Carson Dotson, Glamorgan, Va.
Clerks: Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.
Jackie Culbertson, Coeburn, Va.

REPORT OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY — From July, 1950 until April, 1951

	July	October	December ...	April
Number Auxiliaries	10	10	13	13
Membership	213	250	260	285
Bible Chapters read	2,565	2,417	4,295	7,385
Homes visited	210	178	153	200
Hospital visits	110	138	95	215
Telephone calls	125	113	97	195
Number tithers	11	15	25	48
Papers & Magazines given	56	62	43	195
Garments given	256	217	458	543
Trays given	91	72	103	117
Prayer meeting attendance	175	192	204	285
Soul winning efforts	22	35	78	85
Cards & Letters mailed	368	189	325	465
Subscribers to paper	16	18	18	19

Given to Greenville Home for Children \$454.23; Disabled Ministers, \$45.00; Superannuation, \$75.00; Amount in Treasury April 13, 1951, \$118.60.

President, Mrs. Jackie Culbertson, Coeburn
Treasurer, Mrs. Mary Bates, Esserville
Field Worker - Organizer, Mrs. Goldia Kiser, Herald

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEE COUNTY CHURCHES

Church	M'ship.	Pastor	Evangelist	Orphanage	Bld. & Rep.	S. S. Lit.	Pastor
Mt. Hope	32	140.83	264.96	65.98	62.00	11.63	Rev. L. H. Martin
Rock Lick	48	165.00	40.35	44.14	30.00	35.60	Rev. P. H. Miller
Mt. Carmel	58	257.00	106.56	100.11	30.00	76.68	Rev. S. H. Jackson
Palmer's Chapel	57	226.00	200.00	109.97		23.43	Rev. L. H. Martin
Ocoonita	71	323.16	116.75	30.30	40.00	8.00	Rev. L. H. Martin
Willis Chapel	54	69.95	110.48	5.40		29.26	Rev. Bascom Bledsoe
Gibson Chapel	20						Rev. J. W. Brannon
Sigma	33	80.86	94.09	28.26	60.00	12.35	Rev. James Fields
Minton Memorial ...	24	30.25	new church	in progress			Rev. P. H. Miller
Hoovers Chapel	29	47.00	25.00		151.00	15.03	Rev. Edgar Baltimore

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

Church	M'ship.	Pastor	Evangelist	Orphanage	Home Mis.	Pastor
Dunganon	153	418.00	182.00	192.74	475.35	Rev. S. M. McFalls
Cherry Grove	50	128.50		204.45	70.00	Rev. Wade Powers
Beech Grove	60	228.00	276.50	215.37	25.00	Rev. P. H. Miller
Beckner's Chapel ..	19	66.50	71.36		75.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
Mary's Chapel	154	251.00	195.98	135.00	5.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
McClellan's Chapel	16		21.00	2.68	18.50	Rev. Allen Mays
Tacoma	48		17.00		30.60	Rev. Virgil Griffith
Ramsey	51	77.73			147.04	Rev. Jim Ramey
Steven's Chapel	49	82.00		33.50	51.00	Rev. Carson Dotson
Mt. Olive	21	29.00		25.45	3.00	Rev. Mack Fisher
Wilson's Chapel	50	159.20	106.12	169.90	103.50	Rev. S. M. McFalls
Big Springs	27	67.80				Rev. H. S. Wilson
Mt. View	28	7.00				Rev. Covey Robinette
Indian Creek	102		35.00	46.75	230.21	Rev. Carson Dotson

Davis Chapel	45	68.00	90.00	34.50	25.00	Rev. Wade Powers
Meades Chapel	80	38.80	78.00	107.75		Rev. Carson Dotson
Oak Grove	83	470.00	110.00	205.00	77.50	Rev. Mack Fisher
Hopkins Chapel	59	60.70	112.10	23.65	15.50	Rev. Jim Ramey
Toms Creek	36	3.00	65.00		8.00	Rev. Wythe White
Valley View	50	27.70	65.00			Rev. Jim Ramey
Lone Pine	69	97.29	143.00	21.00	33.33	Rev. Mack Fisher
Martha's Chapel	42		30.00		23.95	Rev. Carson Dotson
Glamorgan Chapel	57	158.28		18.67	108.36	Rev. P. H. Miller
Dry Fork	43	157.95	7.00	20.00		Rev. Mack Fisher
South Side	64	594.05	161.36	29.00	187.60	Rev. B. R. Powers
Calvary Baptist	48	260.50	48.40	194.00	10.00	Rev. P. H. Miller
Inman	60	204.94	118.47	70.21	114.22	Rev. P. H. Miller
Stallard Memorial	18	26.25	25.00	34.51		Rev. C. C. Arney and
						Rev. J. L. Meade
West Norton	29	32.15	49.12			Rev. H. V. Johnston
Dales Ridge	27	43.15	29.19		40.00	Rev. James Rose and
						Rev. Palmer Blevins
Esserville	30	84.30	69.46	57.00		Rev. Ray Gardner
Gillenwater Chapel	63		20.40		75.00	Rev. Roy Kilgore

MINISTERS' ANNUAL

MINISTER	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held
W. E. Kern	87	1	4
H. E. Bevins	54	1	3
C. A. Porter	187		6
C. C. Arney	78	4	
J. W. Brannon	36	1	
Lee Hardsock	98		
Edgar Baltimore	52	1	3
Bascom Bledsoe	94	3	1
J. L. Meade	50	3	1
Wythe White	186	3	9
P. H. Miller	300	7	2
Bill Surret	106		1
L. J. Fields	61	1	1
S. B. Ball	48		
James Ramey	175	5	2
Wade R. Powers	175	3	10
Ethell Robbins	17		
Della Salyers	15		
Allen Mays	157	1	2
Charlie Mullins	99	1	8
James Fields	100		43
Gale Scott	186		3
Mack Butler	70		
C. G. Turner	92		
James Rose	26	1	1
Jake Welch			
Robert Dixon	10		
S. M. McFalls	72	3	
H. V. Johnston	21	1	
V. B. Thacker	71	3	4
Curtiss Wynn	43		

ANNUAL REPORT

Churches	Revivals Held	Prof'sions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To church	Churches Organized	Funerals Preached	Miles Travelled	Money Received
1	4	26	14	10	1	1	1,293	\$117.00
1	3	43	33	27			2,500	287.00
	6	124	12					148.22
4		17		16		4	800	18.50
1				6	2	1	300	32.02
						2	200	48.00
1	3	30	6			3		
3	1	11		8			795	243.00
3	1	14		16		4	800	50.00
3	9	135	13	39		9	3,498	611.50
7	2	112	61	18	1	16	12,000	900.00
	1	62	7				1,652	29.50
1	1	5	8	5		1		460.00
						1		
5	2	14	5	25		12	1,000	150.00
3	10	100	50	50	1	25	1,000	300.00
		1				7	86	21.00
						1		5.00
1	2	19	42			5	1,395	741.28
1	8	30	9	22	1	10	4,000	150.00
	43	14	26	1	1	4	3,528	122.00
	3	13	4			2	1,000	120.00
						5	1,500	381.00
		18				2		129.84
1	1	3				1	300	18.50
							Oral report	
				5				150.00
3						30		637.00
1								3.69
3	4	17	4	11	5	1	1,260	155.00
		21					950	44.00

FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS

Contributions from—

Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Sunday School.....	\$ 64.50
Big Springs Free Will Baptist Sunday School	80.00
Bear Wallow Church	23.43
Stallard Memorial Free Will Baptist Church	18.51
West Bristol Church	28.40
Wilson Chapel Church	22.98
Mary's Chapel Church	17.96
Anonymous	10.47
Ivan Reedy, Omaha, Virginia	20.00
Total	\$286.25

Disbursements:

To Rev. Raymond Riggs, Treasurer Foreign

Mission Fund, National Association of

Free Will Baptist—

December 20, 1950\$136.25.

June 20, 1951 150.00

BalanceZero

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

P R E F A C E

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 Perquims 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 Treatise, 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 Vanhooose, C. B. Thompson, and Ralph Staten, with two laymen, M. L. Morris, 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 of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man 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.

