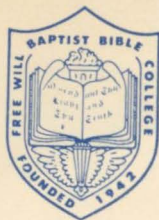


MINUTES
Of The
SIXTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
Of The
SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA
ASSOCIATION
Of
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Held With The
MARY'S CHAPEL CHURCH
COEBURN, VIRGINIA
May 17 - 18, 1952

The next Association will be held with the Fairmont Park Free Will Baptist Church, corner Argonne & Pershing Aves., Norfolk 9, Va., on Saturday, 9:00 a.m., E.S.T., before the Third Sunday in May, 1953.

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 Moderator Rev. Mack Fisher, Wise, Va.
Clerk Mr. Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.
Treasurer Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Sr., Coeburn, Va.

Field Worker and Organizer for Young People's League
 Rev. W. B. Galloway R.F.D. 1, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Executive Board **Exp. of Office**

Cossie Meade, Pound, Va.1953
 Rev. J. W. Brannon, Pennington Gap, Va.1954
 Wilton H. Dail, 309 Graydon Ave., Norfolk 7, Va.1955

Wise County Executive Board **Exp. of Office**

E. P. Edens, Norton, Va.1953
 J. D. Sturgill, Wise, Va.1954
 W. C. Robbins, Dorchester, Va.1955

Wise County Ordaining Council **Exp. of Office**

Rev. Paul Harry Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.1953
 Rev. Shelby H. Jackson, Dorchester, Va.1954
 Rev. Mack Butler, Dunganon, Va.1955

Lee County Executive Board **Exp. of Office**

Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.1953
 D. C. Sturgill, Dryden, Va.1954
 Ray Davis, Dryden, Va.1955

Lee County Ordaining Council **Exp. of Office**

Rev. Edgar Baltimore, Calvin, Va.1954
 Rev. S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.1955

ENROLLMENT

Ministers

Mrs. Delia Salyers, James Rose, R. N. Begley, C. L. Kilgore, H. V. Johnston, Mack Butler, Mack Fisher, Gillus Francus, Alvie Dingus, Jake Welch, George Dunbar, Walter Glover, W. B. Galloway, Beecher N. Powers, Cova Robinette, L. J. McConell, James Ramey, George Collins, James West, Charlie Mullins, Roy Kilgore, J. W. Brannon, W. A. Hales, J. M. Collier, Hobert Addington, Ray Gardener, P. H. Miller, R. L. Cowden, Enoch Rose.

Deacons

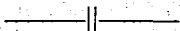
E. J. Kilgore, Hardin Brewer, A. J. Philiair, W. A. Dail, Clyde Kiser, Garfield Taylor.

Corresponding Messengers—John Thomas Association

Ray Johnson Albert Dingus Lloyd Hillman

Delegates

Joyce Kilgore, Ruth Hillman, Maggie Daughtry, H. V. Johnston, Blanch Estept, Lily Taylor, Minnie Ketron, Emory Taylor, Willie Cox, Mrs. John Vandiver, Lonza Hays, Ruby Hays, Amos Sanders, Ruby Hammons, Marion Pochodzay, W. H. Dail, A. J. Filyaw, J. S. Overman, Mrs. J. S. Overman, Mrs. W. A. Hales.



PROCEEDINGS

9:00

The Sixteenth Annual Session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist met with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 17, 1952.

The Association was called to order by Clerk Leslie Ketron reading for lesson James 4:1-2, after which Rev. Walter Glover offered a very able and touching prayer, and work began as follows. The enrollment of corresponding messengers, ministers, deacons, and delegates. Rev. Mack Butler was elected Moderator and Rev. Mack Fisher the Assistant Moderator. The Moderator was given power to appoint a pulpit supply committee which consisted of Rev. C. L. Kilgore, Jack Adkins, and Mrs. Minnie Ketron.

The Moderator then called for new bodies wishing to unite with this association. A letter of status petitioning membership was read from the Tidewater Quarterly Conference, which was heartily received by this body. The right hand of fellowship was given to the delegates who were invited to sit in the Godly deliberations. Their statistical report being incomplete, the association extended ample time to mail this to the Clerk who was instructed to print same in minutes.

Corresponding messengers with reports were called for. A letter from the John Thomas Association was read and received with its delegates, Ray Johnson, Lloyd Hillman and Albert Dingus.

Letters from Wise and Lee County Quarterly Conferences were read and received with their delegates. These will appear elsewhere in minutes.

The Pulpit Committee announced that Rev. W. A. Hales of Norfolk, Virginia, would bring the message at the eleven o'clock hour. The Association then adjourned until 1:30.

11:00

Opening song by congregation, "Power in the Blood." A very able prayer was offered by Rev. Cova Robinette, after which Rev. Hales read for lesson Exodus 14:1-14, using for a text "Moving Forward," from which through the anointing of God, he delivered a very timely message which was enjoyed by all.

1:30

Opening song by the Herald Quartet, "Heaven." The Clerk read for lesson Mark 11:22-23. Rev. Jake Welch offered an able prayer, then work resumed as follows. The Moderator announced and introduced Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Stanley, who were given the first part of the service. Mr. Stanley, who is superintendent of the Greenville Home for Children, gave an oral report of this phase of the work which was enjoyed by all. An offering for this cause was received to the amount of \$66.00.

An oral report of the Union Association was received from Rev. George Dunbar who gave a hearty invitation to attend this association, after which the following brethren volunteered as messengers: Rev. Mack Butler, Rev. Gillus Francus, Rev. Paul Harry Miller and Mr. E. J. Kilgore.

At this time the question of contributions was dis-

cussed. Rev. W. A. Hales of Norfolk offered the suggestion that each church in the association ear mark their funds and send them with their church letters to the quarterly conference treasurer: then each quarterly conference treasurer would send them to the yearly, the yearly would send them on to the state, the state in turn would distribute them as marked. Thus each church, quarterly, yearly and state would receive credit due. By vote of the Association it was agreed that a letter be drafted to this effect and mailed to all pastors for their consideration.

Messengers were at this time chosen to the respective associations as follows:

John Thomas Association Thursday, Friday and Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 1952, at Drill's Chapel, Drill, Virginia, Rev. Ray Gardener, Mr. E. J. Kilgore and Rev. Gillus Francus.

To the Clinch Valley Association the Streight Hollow Church in Dante, Mr. E. J. Kilgore.

Rev. Mack Butler was elected Moderator for the next year, and Rev. W. A. Hales the Assistant Moderator.

The Association voted to have 1,200 minutes printed: 800 for Wise County, 200 for Lee County, and 200 for the Tidewater Quarterly Conference.

At this time the Ministers' reports were heard read. All received and issued cards of good standing.

The Association voted from the treasury \$25.00 to the State Association, \$25.00 for the preparation of manuscript for minutes, \$10.00 for Moderator, and sufficient money for printing minutes, postage, etc.

The Association then adjourned until Saturday before the Third Sunday in May, 1953, when it will convene with the Fairmount Park Church, corner Argonne and Pershing Aves., Norfolk, Virginia.

We, the delegates of the represented associations, visiting brethren and sisters, do offer our sincere and heartfelt thanks to the people of Mary's 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. Mack Butler
Rev. Mack Fisher

Clerk: Leslie G. Ketron

Wise County Quarterly Conference:

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist while in regular session with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 17, 1952.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These we pray may sit with you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches, 31; membership, 1,671; number of Sunday Schools, 30; membership, 2,294; state of religion, good; number of prayer meetings, 24; number youth leagues, 3; ordained ministers, 57; licentees, 11; membership deceased, 16; minute fund enclosed, \$167.00.

Done by order of the Wise County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist while in regular session with the Davis Chapel Church, Ramsey, Va., April 12, 1952.

Moderators: Rev. Mack Butler
Rev. Mack Fisher

Clerks: Leslie G. Ketron
Jackie Culbertson

Lee County Quarterly Conference:

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 17, 1952.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. These we pray may sit with you in your Godly work. Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches, 9; membership, 390; received this year, 59; dismissed, 54; deceased, 4; number of Sunday Schools, 9; membership, 385; youth leagues, 5; membership, 125; ordained ministers, 6; minute fund enclosed, \$39.00.

Done by order of the Lee County Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist this the 5th day of April, 1952.

Moderator: Rev. S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.

Clerk: Aldo Payne, Woodway, Va.

Tidewater Quarterly Conference:

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the Mary's Chapel Church, Coeburn, Virginia, May 17, 1952.

We, the Tidewater Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist, do petition this honorable body for membership, and pray the following delegates may sit with you in your Godly work: Bro. H. W. Dail, Bro. A. J. Filyaw, Bro. and Sis. J. S. Overman and Sis. W. A. Hales.

Our standing is as follows: Number of churches, 4; membership, 768; number of Sunday Schools, 4; membership, 562; ordained ministers, 5; number of youth leagues, 3; membership, 204; membership received, 109; dismissed, 12; licentees, 1. List of churches: Fairmount Park Church, Norfolk, Va.; First Free Will Baptist Church, Little Creek, Va.; First Free Will Baptist Church, New Port News, Va.; First Free Will Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

Done by order of the Tidewater Quarterly Conference of Free Will Baptist while in regular session March 29, 1952.

Moderator: Rev. W. A. Hales, Norfolk, Va.

Clerk (outgoing): E. H. Overman, Norfolk
1073W 48th Street

Clerk (incoming): M. E. Howard, Norfolk
129 Ronake Street

Treasurer's Report—Southwest Virginia Association:

Balance from 1951	\$121.10
Wise County Quarterly Conference	167.10
Lee County Quarterly Conference	39.00
Total receipts	\$327.20
Rev. Mack Butler, Moderator	10.00
Leslie Ketron for manuscript	25.00
Postage, supplies	3.50
Expenditures	63.50
Balance in Treasury	\$263.70

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. E. J. Kilgore, Treasurer

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP	PASTOR	EVANGELIST	Bldg. & Rep.	ORPHANAGE	S.S. LITERATURE..	OFFICERS	ATTENDANCE	LEAGUE LITER. ..	OFFICERS	ATTENDANCE	PASTOR
Mt. Hope	35	95.21	246.06	450.00	65.17	10.58	12 52					Bascom Bledsoe
Rock Lick	52	165.00	51.13	26.60	37.68	26.61	8 65	24.98	6 30			Edgar Baltimore
Mt. Carmel	41	55.60	36.75		128.03	82.55	9 80	4.96	5 34			S. B. Culbertson
Palmer's Chapel ..	33	369.04	303.80	160.74	37.48	26.71	9	3.20	5 10			Kelse Hammons
Ocoonita	72	451.64		11.05	68.62	12.09	6 70	23.65	8 31			Kelse Hammons
Willis Chapel	53	82.35				22.18	5 50					Bascom Bledsoe
Sigma	35	100.47	157.73	289.70	41.32	20.15	5 40	15.88	5 30			James Fields
Minton Memorial	44	217.98	84.25			8.00	6 70					P. H. Miller
Hoover's Chapel	25	43.92	95.00	13.10	35.00	38.01	9 50					Edgar Baltimore

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP	PAID PASTOR	PAID EVANGELIST.	ORPHANAGE	HOME MISSIONS .	FOREIGN MISSIONS	S.S. LITER., ETC. .	PASTOR
Lunganon	154	456.75	339.00	189.01	199.50		58.75	S. M. McFalls
Cherry Grove	50	68.50	131.10	47.50	5.00		16.55	Wade Powers
Beech Grove	78	195.00	115.00	208.00	30.00		56.32	Syvian Wilson
Beekners Chapel	21	99.50	31.35				33.48	L. J. Fields
Mary's Chapel	154	337.20	248.23	272.62			103.59	C. L. Kilgore
McClellans Chapel	16							Allen Mays
Tacoma	18						18.00	Gale Scott
Ramsey	43	50.92	60.00		11.50		14.85	James Ramey
Stevens' Chapel	45	8.00	46.00	43.57	59.50		12.85	Carson Dotson
Gillenwaters Chapel	62		44.25	20.00	48.00		20.50	Roy Kilgore
Mt. Olive	55		46.00		39.18		9.00	James Ramey
Wilson's Chapel	50	115.04	68.70	200.63	100.41	26.41	35.34	S. M. McFalls
Big Springs	27							
Mt. View	28	11.00	43.00		8.20		20.13	Gale Scott
Indian Creek	102	72.00		130.09	115.92		26.36	Carson Dotson

Davis Chapel	38	79.40	222.00		75.00		22.10	Wade Powers
Meade's Chapel	90	31.00	83.50	40.00	171.00		40.75	James Rose and C. Arney
Oak Grove	84	480.00	221.50	312.50	117.03	50.50	159.47	Mack Fisher
Hopkins Chapel	56	141.55	81.80				22.00	James Ramey
Valley View	51	64.99	74.16	12.00	13.90		39.83	Mack Butler
Lone Pine Chapel	64	202.50	9.00	65.20	150.00		27.52	Mack Fisher
Martha's Chapel	30				25.50		8.66	Carson Dotson
Glamorgan Chapel	53	171.20	125.00	72.81	48.58		31.84	P. H. Miller
Dry Fork	37	136.89	53.20	15.00	21.00		23.61	Mack Fisher
South Side	50	720.00	258.00	102.62	323.00		32.00	B. R. Powers
Calvary	40	300.00	8.50	42.95			19.80	P. H. Miller
Inman Chapel	47	63.34	55.60	30.00	34.34	5.05	19.80	P. H. Miller
Stallard Memorial	19	34.50	8.50	42.95			19.00	C. A. Robinette
West Norton	30	31.18	51.76	63.00	29.29		27.83	H. V. Johnston
Dales Ridge	25	7.75					7.00	H. V. Johnston
Esserville	53	114.83	73.67		172.00		53.95	Ray Gardener

Money received
Miles traveled
Funerals preached
Churches organized
Additions to church
Number baptized
Professions witnessed
Revivals held
Churches pastored
Sermons preached
MINISTER

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Jackson, S. H.	70	3			12	15		27		490.00
Kilgore, Roy	65	1	1	15	6	4		4		
Kilgore, C. L.	45	1	2	19				3		
Kearn, W. E.	135		4	15	4			1	1,260	90.00
Muller, P. H.	240	4	6	75	52	25	1	26	10,000	1,000.00
Mays, Allen	112	1	1	21	8			12	1,400	96.00
Meade, J. L.	53	3	1	19	16	17		2	421	45.00
Mullins, Charles	150	1	9	16	10			5	2,000	150.00
Maggard, J. B.								No report kept		
Powers, Lacy	75		1	1	2			1	300	
Powers, B. N.	115	1	3	32		5			2,000	500.00
Powers, Raymond	30		2	40	36			1		25.00
Robinette, C. A.	50	1		3				3	1,000	25.00
Rose, James	110	1						2	400	10.00
Ramey, James	150	4	2	17	11	8		18	1,000	150.00
Robbins, Ethel	15			1				1	200	
Salyers, Della	33		1	15				7	325	41.42
Scott, Gale		3	7	70	46			10	5,000	
Thacker, V. B.	112	1	3	12	1			3	1,525	1.75
Wynn, Curtis	70		3	65					2,000	27.00
West, James	75			5					1,500	
Welch, Jake								Gave oral report		

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, Tennessee, 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 accept-

ed. In the year of 1947, while the National Association was in session at Highland Park F.W.B. Church in Detroit, Michigan, 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, Tennessee, in April and the revision was made and presented to the National Association in session in Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, 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, Preserver, 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 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 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.

