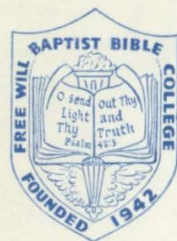


MINUTES
OF THE
Twenty Second Annual Session
OF THE
Southwest Virginia
Association
Of
Freewill Baptist Churches



HELD WITH THE
First Freewill Baptist Church
PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA
May 17, 1958

The next session will convene with the Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church at Dungannon, Va., on Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1959, at 9:00 A. M. (E. S. T.).



FREE WILL BAPTIST
BIBLE COLLEGE

Presented by

Rev. E. M. French

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 the 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, North Carolina, in the year 1727. This church was later lost to the Calvinistic Baptists. 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 Baptists 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 the 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 denominations. 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 the 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 1947, while the National Association was in session at Highland Park F.W.B. Church in Detroit, Michigan, a resolution was passed in which several 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. Vanhoose, L. A. Holliday, I. W. Yandall, M. L. Sutton, Ralph Staten, Harry Beatty, H. E. Willis, Floyd Cherry, R. N. Hinnant, Seldon Bullard, C. H. Curry and J. A. 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, Arkansas, July, 1948, and was adopted.

O F F I C E R S

Elder Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines Ave.,
 Portsmouth, Va. ----- Moderator
 Elder Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va.---- Asst. Moderator
 Leslie G. Ketron, Herald, Va.----- Clerk
 Mrs. Minnie Belle Ketron, Herald, Va.-----Asst. Clerk
Field Worker For Youths' League
 Elder Hershel Ramey, Norton, Va.-----

Executive Board

	Exp. of Office
Elder David Powers, Norton, Va.-----	1959
Eldr W. B. Galloway, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1960
Wilton H. Dail, 3212 Breast Ave. Norfolk, Va.-----	1961

Committee To Deal With Problems of Ministers

Elder Willard Bowman, Derby, Va.-----	1959
Elder Eugene Waddell, Portsmouth, Va.-----	1960
Elder H. V. Johnson, Norton, Va.-----	1961

Wise County Executive Board

Elder S M. McFall, Clintwood, Va.-----	1959
J. D. Sturgill, Rt. 2, Wise, Va.-----	1960
Elder H. V. Johnson, Norton, Va.-----	1961

Wise County Ordaining Council

Elder P. H. Miller, Big Stone Gap, Va.-----	1959
Elder Hobert Addington, Esserville, Va.-----	1960
Elder, L. J. Fields, Norton, Va.-----	1961

Lee County Executive Board

Frank Shoemaker, Pennington Gap, Va.....	1959
D. S. Sturgill, Dryden, Va.....	1960

Lee County Ordaining Council

Eld. Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Va.....	1959
Eld. E. E. Edens, Keokee, Va.....	1960

Tidewater Executive Board

Rev Joe R. Haas, 8202 Briarwood Cir., Norfolk, Va....	1958
Rev. Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines, Ave. Portsmouth, Va.	1958
Mrs. Joe Strickland, Box 135Y, Rt. 1 London Bridge, Va.....	1958
H. E. Creech, 4713 Woolsey St., Norfolk, Va.....	1959
Floyd M. Heath, 2700 McKann Ave. Norfolk, Va.	1960

Tidewater Ordaining Council

Eld. J. B. Chism, 618 N. Hudson Terrace, Warwick...	1958
Eld. Joe R. Haas, 8202 Briarwood Cir. Norfolk, Va.	1959
Eld. Fred A. Rivenbark, 3301 Verdun Ave., Norfolk, Va.	1960
Eld. Billie A. Melvin, Chairman 1719 Dominion Ave., Norfolk, Va.....	1961
Eld. Eugene Waddell, 1523 Des Moines Ave. Portsmouth, Va.....	1962

ENROLLMENT

DELEGATES—Mrs. H. V. Johnson, Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. Octavia Jones, Mrs. Joe Strickland, Mrs. W. P. Brett, Mrs. J. B. Chism, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Murray.

DEACONS—E. J. Kilgore, L. G. Ketron, W. H. Dail, F. M. Heath, R. W. Linberry, Sr., Joe Strickland, James E. Vansant, J. E. Marriner,

MINISTERS—Fred A. Rivenbark, Ralph Flanary, Hershel Ramey, Mrs. Della Salyer, Joe R. Haas, J. B. Chism, Jr., S. M. McFall, H. V. Johnson, C. H. Denton, Billy A. Melvin, Charles Sopp, T. R. Music.

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-second annual session of the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists met with First Freewill Baptist Church of Portsmouth, Va., May 17, 1958. The

association was called to order with a short devotional. Congregational singing, under the direction of Bro. Osgood; prayer by Eld. S. M. McFall and scripture reading by Bro. Leslie Ketron. The moderator took charge and business resumed as follows:

Enrollment and seating of all delegates.

Letters from Lee and Wise counties and Tidewater were read and accepted by regular motion as they appear in these minutes. A wonderful report was given by Eld. Billy Melvin concerning the Youth Camp, located 13 miles from Portsmouth, Va., on Virginia Beach. It is a 4-H Club camp called Farrar for both boys and girls. It opens the last week in August, from 25th to 30th. The fee per student is \$15 plus 50 cents for insurance. The young and the old are urged to spend the last week in August at Camp Farrar. Due to the absence of two members of the executive board, Elder J. B. Chism and Elder Joe R. Haas were elected to serve for the day. One member from the committee to deal with ministers' problems was absent. Elder Ralph Flannery was elected to fill this vacancy. The following reports were accepted by regular motion: Bro. E. J. Kilgore gave an oral report on the childrens' home. An offering of \$34.39 was received for the home and enough was voted from the treasury to make a total offering of \$100.00. Elder Billie Melvin reported on Foreign Missions. The report came in the form of a plea. There are already 21 missionaries ready to work in foreign mission fields. Our quota this year is higher than usual. Let's get behind our workers. The harvest is ripe and the laborers are few. A wonderful report was given by Sister Jones of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Report from the John Thomas Association was very much appreciated. The following delegates were elected to attend this fine association on Friday before the second Sunday in September, with the Rugsby Church, Coeburn, Va., Rt. 1: E. J. Kilgore, W. H. Dail, H. V. Johnson, S. M. McFall, W. H. Fentress., Ralph Flannery. Request from Tidewater Conference to ask the National Association to set up a Free Elementary Bible Course for our denomination was accepted. The request was amended to read Free Elementary Bible Correspondence Course. Bro. Billie Melvin was selected to explore this request. An oral report was given by Bro. Dail on home missions. His theme, "Are We Concerned About the Next Door?" Treasurer's report was accepted as it appears elsewhere in these minutes. The treasurer was given power to make disbursements to pay the expenses of the association.

W. H. Dail, Billie Melvin, Ralph Flanary made up a committee to work out a method of a quarterly publication to be sent to the State Association in the form of a request.

Conference adjourned until 1:30.

11 O'CLOCK

Singing under the direction of Elder Hershel Ramey. Prayer, Elder S. M. McFall; Message, Elder Ralph Flanary; Scripture, Joel, Ch. 1 beginning with verse 10. Text, "The Joy of Thy Salvation", from which a very timely message was delivered. Benediction by Elder H. V. Johnston.

1:30 P. M.

Singing under the direction of Leslie Ketron.

Scripture reading, Elder Hershel Ramey.

Prayer, Elder Billie Melvin.

The moderator took charge and business resumed as follows: By regular motion, a clipping presented to the association by Elder S. M. McFall was to be printed in the minutes. Roll of ministers reporting to the association were accepted as they appeared in the minutes.

Recommendation of committee on publication was received to be sent as a request to the State Association. By regular motion dues from each quarterly meeting will be 10 cents per member.

The following were selected to be recommended to the State Association as delegates to the National Association: Mrs. J. B. Chism, Mrs. Fred A. Rivenbark, Mrs. Billie Melvin, Mrs. Joe R. Haas, and Mrs. Charles Sopp. The following were chosen as delegates to the State Association: Mrs. E. J. Kilgore, Mrs. H. V. Johnston, Mrs. Octavia Jones, Mrs. W. B. Powers.

If the delegates selected are not present at the State Association, power was given the clerk to insert delegates from the members present at the state association. Elections of officers are as they appear in these minutes. Elder Sopp was chosen to bring the message at the next yearly meeting. Elder H. V. Johnston, alternate.

A rising vote of thanks was given for the fine hospitality shown throughout the association. Truly, First Freewill Baptist Church of Portsmouth, your kindness was more than words can express. May God richly bless you in your fine work.

By regular motion, Conference was adjourned until Saturday before the third Sunday in May, 1959, when it shall convene with Dungannon Freewill Baptist Church, Dunganon, Virginia.

Treasurer's Report of Southwest Virginia For Year Ending May 18, 1957

Balance in Treasury -----	\$349.87
Receivd Norfolk Quarterly Meeting-----	154.30
Lec County Quarterly Meeting-----	39.90
Wise County Quarterly Meeting-----	175.00
	\$719.09

DISBURSEMENTS

Eld. E. H. Overman, State Minute Fund-----	\$ 50.00
Eld. E. H. Overman, Moderator-----	10.00
Leslie Ketron, Donation for League work-----	50.00
Leslie Ketron for Clerk and Manuscript-----	45.00
Postage -----	8.50
F.W.B. Home for Children-----	62.15
Printing Minutes -----	105.00
Balance in Treasury -----	\$388.44

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. KILGORE, Treasurer

Norfolk, Va., May 12, 1958

Greetings:

To the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptists when convened with the First Free Will Baptist church, Portsmouth, Virginia, May 17, 1958.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as corresponding messengers. These, we pray, may sit with you in your Godly work.

Our standing is as follows:

Number of churches ----	7	Membership-----	1518
Received this year ----	179		
Number Sunday Schools	7		
Number Youth Leagues	7		
Number Prayer meetings	7		
Number Missions -----	1		
Ordained Ministers ---	8	Licentees -----	7
Minute Fund Enclosed -----			\$151.80

Done by order of Tidewater Quarterly meeting of Free-

will Baptists while in regular session with the First Church, Warwick, Va.

Eld. Joe R. Haas, Moderator
8202 Briarwood Cir.
Norfolk, Virginia
Mrs. Joe Strickland, Clerk-Treas.
Box 135Y, Route 1
London Bridge, Va.

Greetings to the Southwest Virginia Association of Free Will Baptist when convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., May 17, 1958.

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:

Numoer of Churches	33	Membership	1779
Members received	96	Dismissed 41	Died 10
Number of S. S.	33	Membership	2739
Number Youth Leagues	13	Membership	344
Ordained Ministers	73	Licentees	5
Minute Fund enclosed \$177.90			

Done by order of Wise County Conference of Freewill Baptist churches while in regular session with Tacoma Church, April 12, 1958.

Moderator, Elder W. B. Galloway
Clerk, Leslie Ketron, Herald, Va.

Greetings from the Lee County Quarterly Conference of the Southwest Virginia Association when convened with the First Freewill Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Va., Saturday before the third Sunday in May.

We have chosen all delegates from our last conference as messengers. Our standing is as follows:

Number of Churches	8	Membership	435
Members received	43	Deceased members	1
Number Sunday Schools	8	Membership	612
Number Leagues	1	Membership	20
Ordained Ministers	5		
Minute fund enclosed \$38.50			

Done by order of Lee County Quarterly Conference while in regular session April 5, 1958.

Moderator, S. B. Culbertson, Woodway, Va.
Clerk, Mrs. Howard Sally, Woodway, Va.

In Memory

WILLIE C. ROBBINS

Funeral services were conducted Nov. 27, 1957, for the late Willie C. Robbins, Sr. He departed this life Nov. 25, 1957, after a two week's illness. Daddy was born Nov. 6, 1897. He was converted 36 years ago, and lived a true Christian life until death. He served as deacon of Wilson Chapel for 31 years. Since early manhood he had been a great booster of gospel singing. We feel Daddy will be long remembered by his christian friends and neighbors for his humble Christian life. No one knows how we miss our Daddy. Our hearts are grieved but our souls rejoice, because we believe our loss is heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Jack Owens
Mrs. Jesse Wells

OSCAR DOVE

Robert Oscar Dove, 54, passed away at his home Jan. 22, 1957, after several months of illness. He was a regular member of our adult Bible class. He was converted some time last summer and united with the Indian Creek Free-will Baptist church Sept. 16, 1956. Brother Oscar knew his sickness was unto death but he tried to let his light shine to all those he came in contact with. His greatest desire was for his many friends to accept his Christ as their saviour. The family has lost a precious husband and father. Our community has lost a good neighbor, one who was always willing to help in time of need. His presence and influence in our church will not be forgotten. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

By a sister in Christ,

MRS. C. L. FREEMAN

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

CHURCH	Member- ship	Paid Pastor	Evangel- istic	Orphanage	Super- annuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Literature	PASTOR
Dungannon	153	\$	\$ 91.00	\$239.90	\$10.00	\$ 8.50	\$	\$123.12	Ralph Flanary
Beech Grove	32	195.00	50.00	218.00		9.00		51.07	S. M. McFall
Gillenwater Chapel	46			15.00				22.00	Roy Kilgore
Beckners Chapel	46	104.32	152.22	44.97		49.25	22.20	87.40	Jack Richmond
Mary's Chapel	131	363.77		175.70			20.00	122.64	B. R. Powers
Tacoma	36	60.00	117.05	120.00	3.00			65.40	Hershel Ramey
Ramsey	41	149.49				90.67		30.98	Jim Ramey
Stephens Chapel	25	25.50	17.00			65.00		33.40	Oscar Powers
Mt. Olive	25		12.00	45.17	17.53			58.50	George Meade
Wilson Chapel	38	59.95	16.50	62.87	18.08		10.01	30.30	Lacy Powers
Mt. View	28	30.00	71.00			25.00		27.50	Jack Richmond
Indian Chapel	116	27.35		124.50		117.80		70.59	Carson Dotson
Davis Chapel	34	106.64	10.48			38.00		32.22	Lacy Powers
Stallard Memorial	16	30.00	35.00	39.26		31.75	38.25	36.38	James Hobbs
									Leonard Addington
Meade's Chapel	76	15.00	49.40	50.00		55.80	10.64	49.80	J. L. Meade
Oak Grove	124	600.00	56.30	300.00		23.26	34.30	251.48	W. B. Galloway
Hopkins Chapel	60	120.00	30.00					22.00	Jim Ramey
West End	68	600.00	591.30	60.49				32.49	P. H. Miller
Valley View	52	10.00	16.89					32.90	Ralph Flanary
Lone Pine	85	220.27	70.24	40.00		76.60	8.00	59.63	Kermit Moore
Martha's Chapel	24	75.48				87.00		18.00	Kermit Moore
Glamorgan	66	560.04					60.90	79.25	L. J. Fields

Dry Fork	44	115.80	85.14	28.99	James Rose
Central	110	1000.00	294.00	86.59	Bill Harrison
Calvary	30		86.00	22.89	
Imman	28	270.00	63.83	44.65	James Ramey
West Norton	31	62.45	20.00	28.38	Hobert Addington
Rondtown	30		32.69	57.80	H. V. Johnston
Esersville	64	189.00	111.63	163.04	Roy Gardner
Addisons Chapel	34	107.32	242.50	39.00	Hobart Addington
Huff Cloverlick	42		15.00	36.00	Jim Ramey
Durhams	33	158.00	72.65	50.79	Willie Kelly
Flat Woods	20		2.04		Luther Collier

ANNUAL REPORT OF LEE COUNTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

CHURCH	Member- ship	Paid Pastor	Orphanage	Evangelistic	Literature	PASTOR
Mt. Hope	47	\$205.00	\$72.00	\$ 30.00	\$.00	L. H. Martin
Rock Lick	54	120.00	41.50	.00	34.41	L. H. Martin
Mt. Carmel	70	596.52	87.75	192.75	93.40	S. B. Culbertson
Palmer Chapel	58	25.00	21.00	57.92	15.56	Samse Ball
Oconita	79	278.55	40.00		14.29	S. B. Culbertson
Willis Chapel	50	74.91			4.58	L. H. Martin
Minton Memorial	50	205.00	20.19		12.90	Edgar Baltimore
Hoover Chapel	27		6.25		21.07	Paul Pennington

ANNUAL MINISTERS' REPORT

Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professors	Number Baptised	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
TIDEWATER MINISTERS:								
Carter, Ivey J.-----	135	1	0	55	15	7	14,000	\$3,700.00
Chism, J. B., Jr.-----	87	1	1	37	5	21	15,000	3,290.00
Denton, C. H.-----				RETIRED				
Fentress, W. H.-----	72	1	0	6	16	12	1,200	0
Hass, Joe R.-----	133	1	2	20	15	36	17,000	3,002.00
Melvin, Billie A.-----	150	1	2	35	7	30	10,000	3,900.00
Rivenbark, Fred A.-----	128	1	4	117	102	107	25,000	5,200.00
Walcedd, Eugene-----	225	1	5	110	30	25	18,000	4,400.00
WISE COUNTY MINISTERS:								
Addison, B.-----	50	0	1	4	1	0	00	00
Addington, Hobert-----	72	2	2	6	0	5	2,442	184.55
Ashworth, H. W.-----	0	0	5	50	19	0	06	00
Ball, S. R.-----	65	1	1		25	31	400	110.00
Brannon, J. W.-----	48	0	2	17	0	0	00	00
Cowden, J. R.-----		1	3		0	0	00	00
Flannery, Ralph-----	175	2	4	45	20	7	5,000	125.00
Francis, G. T.-----	135	1	0	12	8	0	2,500	200.00
Gardner, Ray-----	24	0	0	2	1	0	50	10.00
Galloway, W. B.-----	30	1	0	1	0	5	1,500	Donated to church

ANNUAL REPORT OF TIDEWATER QUARTERLY MEETING

Church	1	2	3	4	5
Fairmount Park 98	885	\$44,616.83	\$30,293.10	\$200.00	
Norfolk, Va.					
Hyde Park					
Norfolk, Va. 42	125	\$ 9,072.95	\$ 9,408.14		
First F. W. B.					
Warwick, Va. 20	147	\$15,037.99	\$20,713.00	\$ 45.00	
First F. W. B.					
Richmond, Va. 3	70	\$11,761.00	\$13,756.53		
First F. W. B.					
Little Creek 11	85	\$ 3,712.90	\$ 4,299.17	\$ 10.00	
First F. W. B.					
Portsmouth 5	254	\$15,328.92	\$15,191.10		
Free Will Baptists					
Larrymore Lawns 6	107	\$ 1,654.94	\$ 1,579.72	New work	

CHURCH	6	7	8	9
Fairmount Park	\$1,296.82	\$962.00	\$12,284.37	\$150.12
Norfolk, Va.				
Hyde Park				
Norfolk, Va.	\$ 37.23	\$ 21.24		
First F. W. B.				
Warwick, Va.	\$ 96.17	\$231.20	\$ 1,308.79	\$ 46.13
First F. W. B.				
Richmond, Va.	\$ 129.04		\$ 1,032.35	\$ 41.29
First F. W. B.				
Little Creek	\$ 54.12	\$ 90.00		
First F. W. B.				
Portsmouth	\$ 29.70	\$ 4.34	\$ 1,162.99	
Free Will Baptists of Larrymore Lawns				

NEW WORK

KEY TO REPORT

1—Members Received	6—Home Missions
2—Membership	7—Orphanage
3—Receipts	8—Co-op Program
4—Paid Out	9—Superannuation
5—Promotional Work	

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 be 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 case 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 may 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 members of the association to be present at the time appointed for each meeting, and anyone wishing to retire shall first obtain leave of the moderator.

10—No member shall absent himself from the association during its meeting 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—Anyone 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.

18—It shall be the duty of every minister who holds membership in this Association to report in writing to every annual meeting of the association. If any minister fails to report to the association for two successive sessions, he may be dismissed from the association by two-thirds of the members present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by the 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 affected 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 ones 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 endorsed it in the Gospel (Mat. 13:23), 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 amusement 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 in 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 sanctions 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 reverence 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 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, 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 principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief purpose 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 ef-

forts 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.

Where Can We Go? Go Home! Says Parent

The following letter to the editor appeared in the Great Falls (Mont.) Post Intelligencer. It comes to us by way of the Cannoneer, weekly paper of Richmond's Marine Corps Reservists, where it was reprinted.

To the Editor, Sir:

Always we hear the plaintive cry of the teen-agers:

What can we do_____?

Where can we go_____?

I can make some suggestions. GO HOME!

Hang the storm windows, paint the woodwork. Rake the leaves. Mow the lawn. Shovel the walk. Wash the car. Learn to Cook. Scrub some floors. Repair the sink. Build a boat. Get a job. Help the minister, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Visit the sick. Assist the poor. Study your lessons. And when you are through—and not too tired—read a book.

Your parents do not owe you entertainment.

Your village does not owe you recreational facilities.

The world does not owe you a living.

YOU OWE THE WORLD SOMETHING.

You owe it your time and energy, and your talents so that no one will be at war or in poverty, or sick, or lonely again.

In plain simple words: GROW UP! Quit being a cry-baby; get out of your dream world; develop a backbone not a wishbone; and start acting like a man or a woman."

I'm a parent. I'm tired of nursing, protecting, helping, appealing, begging, excusing, tolerating, denying myself needed comforts for your every whim and fancy, just because your selfish ego instead of common sense dominates your personality, and thinking, and requests; unquote.

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