

MINUTES

Thirty-Second Annual Session

Of The

Southwest Virginia
Association

Of

Freewill Baptist Churches

And

Southwest Virginia Minister Conference

Held With The

Dry Fork Freewill Baptist Church
COEBURN, VIRGINIA

May 18, 1968

The next session will convene with the Central Church of Norton, Va., Saturday before the Third Sunday in May, 1969, at 9:00 A.M. (EST)

O F F I C E R S

C. L. Kilgore, Moderator ----- Coeburn, Va.
 Harold Kilgore, Asst. Moderator
 ----- P. O. Box 114, Norton, Va.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Ketron, Clerks, Rt. 4, Coeburn Va
 Elmer Miner, Treasurer ----- Rt. 1, Coeburn, Va.

EXECUTIVE BOARD

	Exp. of Office
Denver Dean, Wise, Va.-----	1969
A. C. Easterling, Wise, Va. -----	1970
Ray Goode, Wise, Va. -----	1971

WISE COUNTY EXECUTIVE BOARD

Roy Kennedy, Rt. 2, St. Paul, Va.-----	1969
Dayton Sluss, Dungannon, Va.-----	1970
Homer Bays, Rt. 1, Coeburn, Va.-----	1971
Elmer Miner, Rt. 1, Coeburn, Va. -----	1972
Edward Kirkpatrick, Norton, Va. -----	1973

WISE COUNTY ORDAINING COUNCIL

Ralph Flannery, Dungannon, Va. -----	1969
Shelby Jackson, Rt. 1, Coeburn, Va. -----	1970
C. L. Kilgore, Coeburn, Va. -----	1971
Eddie Sturgill, Jenkins, Ky. -----	1972
Hobert Addington, Wise, Va. -----	1973

League Field Worker

Miss Rudene Kennedy, Rt. 1, Box 1156, Norton, Va.
 1969

ENROLLMENT

MINISTERS

Ben Powers	Harold Kilgore	Tyler Tate
Elmer Miner	S. H. Jackson	E. R. Davis
Ray Good	G. T. Francis	J. V. Estep
Denver Dean	Eddie Kirkpatrick	Clarence Turner
Casper Lane	Hobert Addington	Jeff Salyers
	C. L. Kilgore	

DEACONS

Roscoe Reynolds	Clarence Ramey	Charles E. Castle
Sam Scarberry	Homer Bays	A. C. Easterling
L. G. Ketron	E. J. Kilgore	W. H. Dail

DELEGATES

Bill Cowan	Gladys Flanary	Mrs. Leonard Fields
Mrs. Flora Robinette	Mrs. Nora Reynolds	Laurence Honeycutt
Charlotte Ring	Faye Sams	Elvena Rynes
Buena Evans	H. M. Osborne	Lakie Osborne
Danny C. Mullins	James S. Begley	Helen Miner
	June Jackson	

P R O C E E D I N G S

9:00 A. M.

The Association opened with a short devotional, Singing was under the direction of Rev. Ben Powers. Opening song "Farther Along". Scripture reading James 1:1-15. A very able prayer was offered by Elder Della Salyers.

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. Wade Powers, the assistant moderator, Rev. Ben Powers, took the chair and declared the association open for business, and work began as follows:

The enrollment and seating of delegates, deacons and ministers as they appear in the enrollment.

The report from the Southwest Virginia Ministers' Conference was read. The report was received and read as it appears in these minutes.

The letter from Wise County Quarterly Conference was read and was received as it appears in these minutes.

The letter from Lee County Quarterly Conference was read. After much discussion by Rev. E. R. Davis, Rev. J. V. Estep, Rev. Edward Kirkpatrick, Rev. G. T. Francis, Rev. Clarence Ramey and others, the association agreed to accept the Executive Board's recommendation, worded as follows:

"THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE SOUTHWEST VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES recommends to the association to withdraw the right hand of fellowship from the Lee County Conference for supporting doctrine contrary to the Freewill Baptist Treaty. The churches not supporting this doctrine may come into

the Wise County Conference at the next meeting."

(Signed) EXECUTIVE BOARD
DENVER DEAN
A. C. EASTERLING
RAY GOODE

An offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$55.00.

The Association adjourned until one o'clock. Benediction by G. T. Francis.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

There was no intermission between business session and worship service. The congregation sang two hymns. Prayer offered by Rev. Edward Kirkpatrick. Scripture lesson, Acts 5:1-10 by Rev. Denver Dean, speaker of the hour. Rev. Dean used for his text Acts 5:4 and the Church Covenant from which he delivered a wonderful message enjoyed by all.

Rev. Shelby Jackson gave the benediction and blessed the food.

ONE O'CLOCK

The afternoon business session opened with the congregation singing "Just Over in the Glory Land". A special number, "I Won't Have to Cross Jordan Alone", by Rev. Ben Powers. Prayer by Sister Rudene Kennedy.

The treasurer's report was read and approved as it appears in these minutes.

The ministers' reports were read and those approved as read appear in these minutes.

The recommended by-law submitted by the Ministers' Conference that each minister only pastor one (1) church was tabled until the next session.

Delegates were elected to the state association as follows: Faye Samms, Evlena Ryan, Danny Mullins, Edd Davis, Rudene Kennedy and Beuna Evans.

Brother Wilton H. Dail, executive secretary and treasurer Home Mission, also representing Tidewater Conference, gave a report on the work in the Home Mission and also the Tidewater Conference work. His report was enjoyed by all.

It was agreed that the next association convene with the Central Church. Norton, Va.

Officers were elected or retained as they appear on officers' page in these minutes.

Unanimously voted to adjourn until Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May, 1969, unless especially called together by the moderator.

A standing vote of appreciation was given the church for hospitality shown during our session at Dry Fork.

Benediction by Rev. Elmer Miner.

Moderators: Rev. Ben Powers Clerks: L. G. Ketron
 Rev. G. T. Francis J. H. Kilgore

GREETINGS: To the Southwest Virginia Association of Freewill Baptists when convened with the Dry Fork Church, Coeburn, Va., May 18, 1968.

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

Number of Churches	34
Church Membership	1869
Members Received	143
Members Dismissed	59
Members Deceased	22
Number Sunday Schools	34
Sunday School Membership	2159
Ordained Ministers	62
Licentates	6

DISBURSEMENTS

Pastors	\$10,157.06
Evangelistic Work	4,621.49
Home for Children	2,433.78
Superannuation	270.35
Home Missions	2,276.23
Foreign Missions	416.47
Literature and Publications	2,194.44
Building and Repairs	17,429.45
Minute fund enclosed	224.28

Done by order of the Wise County Quarterly Conference of Freewill Baptists while in regular session with Indian Creek Church, Pound, Va., April 13, 1968.

Moderators: Rev. Howard Ashworth
 Rev. Wade Powers

Clerks: Anson Evans
 Buena Evans

Ministers' Conference Report

The Ministers' Conference met on Friday night before the second Sunday in April, 1968, at Esserville, F.W.B. Church, Esserville, Va., with 47 present in person and 21 by letter.

Number on roll, 77.

O F F I C E R S

G. T. Francis, Pres Ben Powers Vice President
Harold Kilgore, Sec'y-Treas.

Conduct Board

Wade Powers
C. B. Lane
C. B. Addison
Hobert Addington
J. D. Kilgore

Executive Committee

Robert Dixon
C. B. Addison
C. B. Lane
Hobert Addington
Carson Dotson

Treasury \$111.50

The minister's Cards were passed on by this conference and recommended to this association.

The Ministers' Conference recommends that the association pass that each minister pastor only one church.

Harold Kilgore
P. O. Box 114
Norton, Va. 24273

Treasurer's Annual Report

5-20-67—Carried forth from 1966 -----	\$ 7.23
5-20-67—Children's Home offering -----	10.37
5-20-67—Rec. Wise Co. Quarterly Conference--	230.16
5-20-67—Rec. Lee County Quarterly Conference	33.00
7-8-67—Rec. Wise Co. Quarterly Conference---	54.63
Total Recorded -----	335.39
Tot al disbursements -----	318.20
5-18-68—Treasurer's Balance -----	\$ 17.19

DISURSEMENTS

5-20-67—Leslie Ketron, Clerk -----	\$ 10.37
5-25-67—Children's Home -----	10.37
5-25-67—Va. Associated Minute Fund -----	50.00
6-8-67—Rev. Ben Powers, Moderator -----	10.00
6-16-67—Crescent Printery, minister's cards ----	12.88

6-30-67—Crescent Printery, Minutes -----	169.95
7-8-67—Leslie Ketron, postage and manuscript	44.63
7-8-67—Elmer Miner, Treasurer -----	10.00

Total Disbursements -----	\$318.20
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Respectfully submitted, Elmer Miner, Treas.

ANNUAL MINISTERS' REPORT

MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Addington. Hobert	39	0	0	1	0	0	0	681	\$106.00
Addison, C. B.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Ashworth, Howard.....	0	1	3	43	17	3	18	0	00
Baltimore. Edgar	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Bevins. Jeff	0	0	0	10	0	5	0	0	00
Bevins, Robert	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Blevins. Palmer	75	1	1	26	6	0	5	15000	300.00
Broskey. Bernard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.00
Cowden. Jess	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Craiger, Roger	140	0	1	2	5	0	0	0	160.00
Crawford, Billy R.	112	0	1	12	0	0	0	2000	60.00
Dean, Denver	50	1	1	10	8	7	2	1000	60.00
Dixon. Robert	18	0	0	0	0	0	5	300	486.39
Dotson, Carson	71	1	2	17	17	6	9	426	00
Flannery, Ralph	131	1	3	29	26	6	31	500	600.00
Francis, G. T.	76	1	1	4	2	5	3	900	180.00
Graham, U. L.	116	1	0	12	7	12	6	6000	950.00
Greear, J. T.	113	1	3	17	8	0	3	8000	360.00
Goode, Ray L.	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	00
Hall. Milam L.	125	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	150.00
Hicks, James L.	0	0	0	10	12	0	0	0	00
Holmes. Theodore	0	1	3	8	20	14	4	0	00
Honeycutt Perry W.	50	1	0	4	0	0	3	2500	250.00
Jackson. Shelby	29	1	0	0	0	0	0	1435	203.51
Jessee. Vestus	67	1	1	12	1	1	3	4000	104.00
Kennedy, Roy	150	1	2	50	40	0	10	5000	300.00
Kilgore. C. L.	110	1	0	5	0	0	14	4000	00
Kilgore, J. Harold	104	3	1	3	0	0	15	5000	00
Kilgore, J. D.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Kilgore. Roy	65	2	1	2	3	0	6	0	00
Kilgore. William	26	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	00
Kirkpatrick. Edward	65	1	1	5	0	0	2	10000	1320.00
Kiser. Willard	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	00
Lane. C. B.	75	1	1	10	10	0	2	0	00
LANEY, James E.	110	1	1	17	9	0	8	0	500.00
Leonard, Paul	20	0	0	1	0	0	0	1000	100.00
McFarland. Richard	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00

MINISTERS	Sermons Preached	Churches Pastored	Revivals Held	Professions Witnessed	Number Baptized	Additions To Church	Funerals Preached	Miles Traveled	Money Received
Maness, William	105	2	2	9	3	1	2	3905	250.00
Miner, Elmer	62	0	0	3	2	0	0	3000	45.00
Moore, Kermit	75	1	2	15	15	0	5	0	162.00
Mullins, Charlie	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	120.00
Mullins, George	90	1	0	0	0	0	4	1000	00
Mullins, Hansford	50	1	2	4	0	0	2	0	00
Mullins, Thurman	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Powers, Arnold	14	1	0	3	0	0	2	120	00
Powers, B. R.	104	1	1	54	52	47	97	0	00
Powers, David	40	0	0	10	0	0	7	0	00
Powers, Wade H.	75	2	4	10	6	10	50	10000	600.00
Ramey, J. A.	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Robbins, Ethel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Robinette, Covey	30	1	0	0	0	0	1	60	30.00
Robinette, Ray	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Rose, James	71	2	2	5	2	11	5	700	138.78
Salyer, Della	31	0	0	5	0	0	0	298	59.25
Salyer, Jeff	84	1	3	16	4	2	11	0	116.44
Sturgill, Eldie	117	2	4	28	13	4	8	6370	608.70
Sturgill, Fred	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	00
Summers, Garland	50	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	50.00
Tate, Tyler	70	0	3	18	2	0	2	2840	217.00

ANNUAL REPORT OF WISE COUNTY CHURCHES

CHURCH	Members	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Paid Orphanage	Super- annuation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Literature & Publications	PASTORS
Dungannon	160	\$480.00	\$463.00	\$332.06	23.00	380.81	241.06	381.09	Ralph Flannery
Beech Grove	32	110.00	146.80	50.00				62.03	S. M. McFall
Gillenwater Chapel	25				9.00			16.00	Roy Kilgore
Beckners	33		38.23	10.00				31.11	Hansford Mullins
Mary's Chapel	150	390.00	455.00	261.41	20.00	89.36		373.13	Eddie Sturgill
Tacoma	13	50.00	6.89	54.90	1.00			38.40	Ray Robinette
Ramsey	127		878.14		12.00	0	0	57.15	James Ramey
Stevens	50	38.00	62.00	31.00	6.00	45.00	0	31.00	Carson Dotson
Mt. Olive	45	205.00	45.00	97.00	7.50			105.57	David Powers
Wilsons	41	300.00	127.46	120.00	20.00	36.00	5.00	74.10	Harold Kilgore
Mt. View	30	17.00		125.00	4.50			13.80	C. A. Robinette
Indian Creek	114	325.00	40.00	111.06	12.00			138.09	Eddie Sturgill
Davis Chapel	20	125.00	42.00	34.50	11.00			60.00	Bobby Laney
Bull Run 1st	49	384.66	352.50	81.50	4.00	48.00		88.46	Edgar Baltimore
Stallard Memorial	77	386.54	532.28	200.00	20.00		60.00	8.80	Roy Kennedy
Bethel	29		22.00	7.94	7.85				Casper Lane
West End	106	1400.00	556.09	364.08	9.00	139.58	70.92	125.20	Ulis Graham

Valley View	26	180.00	138.00		6.50	15.00	0	35.32	Perry Honeycutt
Lone Pine	56	436.19	75.00	117.50	12.00	15.00	15.00	143.12	Wade Powers
Martha's Chapel	47	75.00	105.07	29.30	1.50	0	0	42.98	Ray Goode
Glamorgan	61	1525.00	140.00	135.00	9.00	0	0	144.18	Ben Powers
Dry Fork	44	198.02	127.93	75.60	20.00	0	0	72.07	S. H. Jackson
Central	64	2255.00	60.00	120.00	0	1889.29	254.25	217.05	Edward Kirkpatrick
Inman	48	712.70	225.72	45.00	0	0	0	43.53	Howard Ashworth
West Norton	52	341.46	267.88	58.02	20.00	0	0	10.14	Harold Kilgore
Eserville	61	420.00	160.00	114.37	12.00	0	0	135.15	C. L. Kilgore
Bondtown	20			20.00	1.50	4.00	0	36.60	Tommy Large
Addison Chapel	28	132.60			8.00	0	0	8.16	Milam Hall
Durham	23	46.86	254.36	47.20	0	10.00	11.00	47.44	Vester Jessee
Flatwoods	66	153.02	65.92	40.00	0	0	0	26.35	James Rose
Pippins Chapel	31			25.60	3.00	0	0	8.00	Willard Kiser
Kelly View	50	13.91	77.52	10.00	1.00	0	0	9.60	W. C. Maness
Toms Creek	43	68.70		47.00	1.00	0	0	0	Jeff Salyers

OBITUARIES



SAMPSON WOODROW SUTHERLAND

Deceased Oct. 2, 1967—aged 52 years. Funeral services were held at Mary's Chapel by Rev. W. E. Harrison, Rev. C. L. Kilgore, and Rev. Glenn Ritchie. Pall bearers were members of the Board of Deacons.

Woodrow was baptized July 26, 1959, and joined Mary's Chapel Church. He was ordained deacon March 25, 1962. He was superintendent of the Sunday School for six years. He was chairman of the Deacon Board, chairman of Mary's Chapel building committee, chairman of the Executive Board for Wise County Youth Conference, taught Sunday School teenage class and Youth League teenage class, one of the sponsors for Mary's Chapel Youth League and sang in the church choir. He was filling all these positions at the time of his death.

We who knew him can say that he loved and served God and his fellow-man.

JOSEPH C. STALLARD



Born February 3, 1915, at Cranes Nest, Va., and deceased May 30, 1967. The son of Milburn T. and Victoria Stallard, both of whom preceded him in death. Married on October 30, 1947, to Mary Jane Page. He had been a Christian for 31 years. He was a member of Martha's Chapel Church, also a deacon of that church.

He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Mary Jane, two brothers, two sisters and a host of nieces and nephews.

A precious one from us is gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
That can never be filled.

By his wife, Mary Jane Stallard

MATTHEW M. DYSON

Matthew M. Dyson, aged 73, died November 14, 1967 in a Norton hospital after an illness of a few weeks.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Mary F. Dyson, and six step-children: Grace Ball and Pauline Reynolds of Coeburn, Va.; Lucille Morefield, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Margie Casteel, Osburn, Idaho; A. C. Fogelman, Coeburn, Va.; Bernard Fogleman, Cincinnati, O.. Two sisters, Mrs. Emma Johnson, El Paso, Texas, and Mrs. Sarah Wood, Manassas, Va. Several nieces and nephews.

MR. AND MRS CREED DORTON



Creed Dorton, son of Harvey and Elizabeth Dorton, was born April 4, 1880, died May 12, 1963. Mrs. Creed Dorton (Savannah) was born July 28, 1888, died Sept. 13, 1964. They were married in the year 1905. To this union was born seven children, two of whom preceded them in death. They leave to mourn their loss three sons and two daughters.

They were members of Martha's Chapel Church. They lived good Christian lives and set a good example for their children. We hated to give them up, but feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Two precious ones from us have gone,
Two voices we loved are stilled,
A place is vacant in our home
That can never be filled.

By their daughter Rosa Jane Carter

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 Baptists 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, 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 a 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. Vanhooose, 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 the Pocahontas Free Will Baptist Church, Pocahontas, Arkansas, July, 1948, and was adopted.

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 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 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 efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

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 represent 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, 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 discussion 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 amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. RESURECTION, 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".

