

MINUTES

OF THE
65th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

JUNE 7,8, 1979

The next session of the State will
convene with the East Texas Dist.
June 5,6, 1980

" PLACE"

COMMUNITY CENTER

HENDERSON , TEXAS

MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

when convened with

CENTRAL DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

at

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

Bryan, Texas

on

June 7,8 1979

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East Texas Association

June 5,6 1980

TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION

of

FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1979 - 1980

OFFICERS

MODERATOR:

Rev. Earl Scroggins 817/692-8615
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ASS'T MODERATOR:

Mr. Raymond Lee 713/460-5358
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CLERK:

Rev. Billy Walker 713/453-5302
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ASS'T CLERK:

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4114 Alpine Wichita Falls,

PARLIAMENTARIAN:

Rev. H. Z. Cox 214/371-0853
918 Highfall Dallas, Texas 75232

HILLSDALE TRUSTEE:

Rev. Roy Norie 817/766-4543
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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY:

Rev. Allen A. Moore 214/463-5371
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STANDING BOARDS

MISSIONS---CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD

Rev. Bob Scott	East Texas District	2 Years	1981
Rev. Bob Gill	North West Brazos	2 Years	
Rev. Keith Woody	Midessa District	1 Year	1980
Mr. Earl Nettleton	West Fork District	1 Year	
Mr. Verlin Pegues	Central District	3 Years	1979
Rev. Leroy Teel	Missions District	1 Year	1982
Rev. Keith Woody	Chairman		
Rev. Bob Scott	Treasurer		

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Ron McMillin	West Fork District		1981
Mrs. Candy McMillin	West Fork District	2 Years	
Mrs. Betty Kelly	Central District	1 Year	1980
Rev. Eugene Richard	Central District	3 Years	1982
Rev. Mike Wade	Missions District	3 Years	1982
Rev. Ron McMillin	Chairman	Treasurer	817/246-2941

EXECUTIVE BOARD are the Officers of the State Assn.

MINUTES OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
June 7, 1979
FELLOWSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRYAN, TEXAS

The General Board met at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, on June 7, 1979, at 3:00 P. M. The meeting was called to order by the moderator.

The following General Board members were present: East Texas District-1, Central Texas District-2, Midessa District-1, Mission District-2, North West Brazos-0, West Fork District-1, Home Mission Board Chairman, Christian Education Board Chairman, and all seven of the Executive Board members.

Bro. Scroggins read John 13:17 and asked for prayer for Bro. Clyde Gillentine and his family in the death of his daughter. Bro. Charles Reeves led in prayer.

The clerk read the Executive Board report along with the special committee report. Motion was carried that the reports be accepted.

Motion carried to amend each article of the special committee report by adding the words-or mission-after the word church.

Motion carried to adopt Special Committee report as amended and present to body for constitutional change.

Motion carried that ARTICLE III be amended by adding Section 3 to read. "Any and all references to church or churches in this Constitution and By-Laws shall also refer to mission or missions."

Bro. Keith Woody gave the report of the Texas Home Mission Board. Bro. Harold Teague gave a brief report of his itinerate and finances concerning the Longview work. Bro. Bob Scott gave the financial report for the board. Motion carried that the report be accepted and approved.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Bro. Ron McMillin. Motion carried that this report be approved.

Bro. Roy Norie gave a report of Hillsdale College. Motion carried that this report be received and approved.

Bro. Allen Moore gave the Executive Secretary's report and the Christian Supply report. Motion that these two reports be received and approved carried.

Bro. Moore gave the following Credential Report:

42 Churches reported with letter and
proper fees.

6 Districts reported with letter and
proper fees.

Motion carried that these be recommended to be
seated along with their delegates as the voting body
for this session.

Motion carried that the following allocation be
approved for monies sent to the state.

State office	40%
Co-Operative Plane	25%
State Home Missions	25%
Christian Education Board	10%
Total	100%

Bro. Bob Scott dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy B. Walker, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE 65TH. ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
TEXAS STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The 65th. Annual Session of the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas, on June 7 and 8, 1979. The meeting was called to order on Thursday night, June 7, at 7:30 P. M. by Bro. Billy B. Walker, Clerk, with the introduction of the Moderator, Bro. Earl Scroggins. The moderator brought greeting and a brief challenge for the people attending this session.

Motion carried that the program be adopted with whatever changes that might be necessary.

Bro. Raymond Lee led the congregation in singing "The Family of God" and "Learning to Lean". Mrs. LaVerne Lee was at the organ and Mrs. Charlene Denman at the piano.

Prayer was offered by Bro. M. L. Crosby.

Bro. Scroggins read John 3:27-30 for the Moderator's message. He placed emphasis upon the fact that Christ must increase and we must decrease for this State Association to bring glory to God. Bro. Scroggins closed his message with prayer for this session and for Bro. Clyde Gillentine and his family in the death of their daughter and un-born child, who had died in an auto accident on the way to the hospital.

Bro. Lee led us in singing "Throw out the Life Line". The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

Nominating Committee: Bro. Herbert Richards, Chairman
Bro. Charles Denman
Bro. Verlin Pegues

Committee on Committees: Bro. Mike Wade, Chairman
Bro. Dennis Henderson
Bro. Ron McMillin

Bro. Larry Cox received the evening offering.

Special music was rendered by a group of women who met and sang at the Woman's Auxiliary Retreat. They sang "I Surrender All".

Bro. Roy Norie brought the evening message on "Laboring for Jesus" using Titus 2:11-14. He stressed the

fact that Laboring for Jesus is the product of productive holiness in the Christian life. By laboring for Jesus we see the change in people's morals, attitudes and life styles. It changes people from laborers of sin into laborers for love in the Lord. It also presses upon men the need for universal holiness among men. He closed in prayer.

The clerk read some Constitutional and By-Law changes which were to come before the body for their adoption. Motion carried that these changes be tabled until the following day.

The moderator called for an altar of prayer for the next day's session. Bro. Mike Wade led in prayer.

Bro. Ron McMillin presented the awards to the winners of the 1979 competitive events. The winners are listed in the Christian Education Board report. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Billy B. Walker.

Friday Morning, June 8, 1979

The session was called to order by the moderator at 8:30 A. M. and Bro. Lee led in singing "The Family of God". Bro. Bill Jones led in prayer. Bro. Raymond Getz brought the devotional using Phil. 1:12-21. He pointed out to us that chains, criticism, and crisis can be used in the furtherance of the Gospel.

The list of local church and district delegates reporting was read and a motion carried to seat these as the voting body for this session.

Bro. Mike Wade gave the report of the Committee on Committees. Motion carried that the following committees be elected:

Resolution Committee

Chairman, Bro. Clarence Hearron
Charles Reeves
Johnny Williams

Obituary Committee

Chairman, Bro. Harold Teague
Frances Ellis
Barry Sue Davis

Motion carried that each Board Report be accepted and voted upon item by item.

Bro. Keith Woody gave the Mission Board Report. Motion carried that this report be accepted and approved

Motion carried that the Mission Board members be elected as follows: Central Texas District, Bro. Verlin Pegues, 3 years, expires 1982. Mission District, Bro. Leroy Teel, 3 years, expires 1982.

National Home Mission Board Report was given by Bro. Roy Thomas.

Bro. Ron McMillin gave the Christian Education Board Report. Motion carried that this report be accepted and approved.

National Sunday School and Church Training Board report was given by Bro. Malcolm Fry.

Christian Education Board members were elected as follows: Bro. Mike Wade and Bro. Eugene Richards, 3 years, expires 1982.

The Hillsdale College Trustee Report was given by Bro. Roy Norie. Motion carried to accept and approve this report.

Bro. Bill Jones gave a report from Hillsdale College.

Bro. Raymond Lee gave a report of the Master's Men. Motion carried that Bro. Verlin Pegues serve as the first State Senator for the Master's Men from Texas.

Bro. Robert Crawford gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Mrs. Aval Hellard gave the following report from the Texas Woman's Auxiliary: Our day began with a salad luncheon at the host church. The theme for this session was "Zealous for the Lord" using II Corinthians 5:20a: Our theme song was "Set My Soul Afire".

We had 86 women present for our meeting. The special music was rendered by Mrs. Ann Horton and the Harold Teague family.

Mike and Deleen Cousineau, Missionary appointees to the Ivory Coast, Africa, were our speakers.

The auxiliary project for 1979-80 is \$1,000 toward an auto for the Cousineau's and \$1,000 to the Institute of Gold in Mexico to be used on the needs there.

Officers for the coming year are as follows:

President, Geneva Walker

Vice-President, Norma Teague

Secretary, Jacque Cox

Treasurer, Betty Kelly

Field Worker, Vivian Moore

Members at Large, Audene Hughes and

Ruth Jennische

The officers were installed by Rosalee Burns.

We urge each auxiliary to pray for and take action for the needs of our Free Will Baptist people in Wichita Falls who have suffered from the tornado.

Motion carried to accept this report and include it in our minutes.

Motion carried that Bro. Allen Moore serve as Executive Secretary for the next two years, 1979-81.

Bro. David Joslin brought greetings from the Arkansas Book Store and gave a report of the sales from Texas and the proceed of return to the Texas State Office.

Bro. Hughes dismissed the business session with prayer that we might enter into our morning worship service.

The morning worship service was opened by singing "The Family of God" and "He Cares for You" led by Bro. Lee. Bro. Thomas Marberry led in prayer. Special music was by Bro. Danny Woody. Bro. Keith Woody brought the message on "Looking for Jesus" using Titus 2:13. He emphasized the fact that Christians always look to the past for the hope of the future. The Great hopes of Israel were based in the past-Abrahamic Covenant, Exodus out of Egypt, and the observances of the Law. The great hope of the church is found in the ordinances of the church and the preachers are empowered by the past-coming of the Holy Spirit. The great hope of the future is based upon the promises of Jesus-to come again and a new land in which to live.

Bro. H. Z. Cox dismissed the service for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with singing "The Family of God" and "Learning to Lean" led by Bro. Lee. Bro. Marvin Williams led us in prayer.

The Nominating Committee report was given and the following officers were elected by the body for the 1979-80 term:

Moderator, Earl Scroggins
Assistant Moderator, Raymond Lee
Clerk, Billy B. Walker
Assistant Clerk, Larry Cox
Hillsdale Trustee, Roy Norie

Bro. Allen Moore gave the report of the Executive Secretary. Motion carried that this report be approved.

Mrs. Vivian Moore gave the report of the Christian Supply. Motion carried that this report be approved.

Bro. Jim Williams brought greetings from the work in Mexico.

Motion carried that the General Board recommendation for the allocation of the undesignated funds sent to the state office be adopted as follows:

State office-	40%
Co-Operative Plan-	25%
State Home Mission-	25%
Christian Education-	10%
	100%

Bro. Charles Denman gave the report for the Minister's and Laymen's meeting. They had 43 present for the luncheon and Bro. Loyd Olsan, Master's Men Director, was the speaker. Motion carried that this report be accepted.

Bro. Clarence Hearron gave the Resolution Committee report. Motion carried that this report be accepted and acted upon item by item.

Item #1 was approved as follows:

Be it resolved that this body ask Bro. Roy Norie to share our disappointment with the Board of Trustees of Hillsdale College in the release of Bro. Reford Wilson as Missions professor.

Item #2 was approved as follows:

Be it resolved that this body give Bro. Bill Jones a rising vote of thanks for his eight years as president of Hillsdale College.

Item #3 was approved as follows:

Whereas, Ivan and Mary Lopes came to the States from Brazil almost a year ago in order to study and equip themselves to serve the Lord in Brazil;

and

Whereas, he is unable to get another visa until

August;
and

Whereas, their first child is due in early July and a \$500 deposit will be necessary before Mary can enter the hospital to deliver a child;

therefore,

Be it resolved that our pastors and delegates be encouraged to bring the needs of this couple before their congregations.

Item #4 was postponed indefinitely as follows:

Be it resolved that the C. T. S. awards be given during the Thursday evening service before the service is dismissed.

Item #5 was approved as follows:

Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to the Fellowship Church and the Central Texas District for hosting this State Meeting.

Item #6 was approved as follows:

The Central Texas District submits to the Texas State Association the following regarding an Associated Press release printed in the Temple Daily Telegram on Monday, January 8, 1979, said article having been confirmed by Mr. Charles Pinchman, Public Information Editor with Reader's Digest, Inc., Pleasantville, N. Y., concerning the condensation of the Bible. As Christians we believe the Bible to be the Holy Inspired Word of God, given by God to man as a rule of faith and practice. We do not believe that any of the Bible is unnecessary. In light of the final warnings given to man in Revelation 22:19 ("And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book."), we wish to go on record with the following resolutions:

1. That the Reader's Digest, Inc. be informed of our opposition to this work.

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2. That each and every church member be encouraged to respond to this action individually by every means at their disposal.

(Address: Reader's Digest, Inc., Pleasantville, New York, 10570)

3. That other Christians be encouraged to express their feelings to this work, both individually and collectively.
4. That this matter be passed on to our National body with a request that similar action be taken.

Bro. Harold Teague gave the Obituary Report. Motion carried that this report be accepted and that we remember all of our departed members with a moment of silent prayer after which Bro. David Trotter would lead in prayer.

Motion carried that the tabled items concerning delegation fees be removed for consideration at this time.

Constitutional changes were approved as follows:

- A. That ARTICLE V, Section 3 be revised to read:

"The letter of each District shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each church or mission which is a member of that District."

- B. That ARTICLE V, Section 4 be revised to read:

"The letter of each church or mission shall be accompanied by a registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)."

The following Constitutional change was tabled indefinitely:

- C. That ARTICLE V be amended with Section 5 which shall read:

"Delegates (including standing and elected) from any church, mission or District failing to pay their respective fees shall not be seated."

The following Constitutional change as recommended by the General Board was approved:

That ARTICLE III Membership be amended by adding the following:

Section 3: Any and all references to church or churches in this Constitution and By-Laws shall also refer to Mission or Missions.

Motion carried made by Bro. Leroy Teel that we

recommend that our people not buy the Book called the Bible printed by Reader's Digest, Inc..

Motion carried that Mrs. Humbles, McMillin, Moore Toague, and Lunsford be elected to serve as delegates to the National Association in July and that Bro. Allen Moore be given the authority to make any changes that may be necessary in case someone can not attend.

Motion carried that we accept the East Texas District's invitation to host the 1960 session of our State Meeting.

Motion carried that we adjourn until our 1960 session.

Bro. Earl Scroggins dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy B. Walker, clerk

7/31/79

Texas CEB
Ron McMillin, Chairman

Texas Free Will Baptists:

We can each be proud of all the CTS Competitors that went to the 1979 NYC and represented the State of Texas. Some came back as winners in the particular activity they competed in, but they all came back as winners in the category of being good representatives of our State!

Sunday School and Church Training Dept. changed the rating system somewhat this year in the Music & Arts Category. Instead of first, second, and third place winners as done in the past they began this year to give recognition to all competitors that received a 1 (one) rating. This allows a competitor that makes a 1 rating at the National level, but is not the highest 1 rating, to not go home a loser but instead, go home as one of the winners. This method will probably eventually reach the State level competition, but as of now we have no authorization to incorporate this into our State level scoring.

The winners this year that represented Texas are as follows:

Kenda Defer; Vocal Solo; 1st. Denison; Herald.
Marsha Norris; Vocal Solo; Eastside; Houston; Crusader.
Wendy Ellis; Vocal Solo; Fellowship; Bryan; Ambassador.
Kenda Defer; Painting; 1st.; Denison; Herald.
Joyce Wright; Sculpture; 1st.; Carthage; Crusader.

Once again, we all have a right to be proud of everyone of our competitors this year.

Let's all work together and encourage our youth in Texas; Not only financially, but verbally as well!!

Yours in Christ,

Ron McMillin
CEB Chairman

Income for CEB in 1979. (Some of this amount was
carried over from 1978). (7/31/79)-----\$855.19

Expenses for CEB in 1979. (7/31/79)-----\$694.68

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1980-----\$935.00

CTS Competition awards, rulebooks
sword drill Bibles, score-sheets,
final competition questions, etc.---\$195.00

CTS Competition registration-----\$160.00

CTS Travel
(For all members of board).-----\$100.00

Phone, stamps, Misc.-----\$ 30.00

Special speaker expense & honorarium for
State Meeting in June (1980)-----\$ 50.00

Proposed expense for seminars (Pastors and
Workers type) in at least two different
areas of the State in 1980 or late
1979.-----\$300.00

During 1980 the State Home Missions Dept.
will be giving back to CEB the respon-
sibility of planning a Pastors & Workers
Conference on a yearly basis. (This is
the one that is ordinarily planned each
year for the State). Hopefully the cost
of this will not be more than \$100.00

Total-----\$935.00

I would like to set up some kind of scholarship fund
for those attending any of our Free Will Baptist
Colleges. This will be according to our CEB finan-
cial status at that time. (I have not talked this
over with our other board members as of yet so this
is not a definite goal yet!).

Bro. & Sis. Moore;

Thank you very much for all your help and encourage-
ment. Thank you especially for the freedom I feel in
planning the CTS activities each year at our State
Meeting. I appreciate the work you are doing for the
pastors and churches in our State. Thank you again.

TEXAS CTS COMPETITION RESULTS FOR 1979

BIBLE MEMORIZATION

- 2nd. gr.-1st pl.-Edward Eisenhower; Eastside, Houston.
3rd. gr.-st. pl.-Paul Scroggins; 1st.; Wichita Falls.

SWORD DRILL

- 1st. pl.-Jeffery Pepper; Stewart, Henderson.
2nd. pl.-Pam Shugree; 1st., Wichita Falls
3rd. pl.-George Patterson; Eastside, Houston.

TIC TAC TOE

- 1st. pl.; Wayne Desern, Walter Desern, Dorothy Desern,
Kevin Dobbs; Fellowship, Bryan
2nd pl.; Cyndy Hanna, Donnie Hanna; 1st., Carthage

MUSIC & ARTS

Vocal Solo

- Herald Div.; Kenda Defer; 1st., Denison
Crusader Div.; Marsha Norris; Eastside, Houston
Ambassador Div.; Wendy Ellis; Fellowship, Bryan

Instrumental Solo

- Herald Div.; Mike Teague; 1st, Henderson

Keyboard

- Ambassador Div.; Jane Morris; Fellowship, Bryan

Vocal Ensemble

- Bob Morris, Jane Morris, Wendy Ellis; Fellowship,
Bryan

Creative Art

- Sketching; Lance Gleaves; Western Hills, Ft.Worth
Painting; Kenda Defer; 1st., Denison
Sculpture; Joyce Wright; 1st., Carthage

Creative Writing

- Essay; Lisa Noland; Eastside, Houston

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT

I am very grateful to our wonderful Lord for my growth Spiritually this past year. God has been good to my Family and I, Our State and the Free Will Baptists who are serving in it. I am thankful to be a part of this Denomination. I want to thank each Church for their Prayers and for allowing me to be a part of their Work. To the many individuals who open their homes and hearts to the wife and I as we traveled more than Forty Thousand (40,000) miles, spent Two Hundred Forty Nine (249) days out of the Office. Visited Fifty (50) of our Churches this year 1978. Preached Ten (10) Revivals, in Twenty Three (23) District Meetings, set up Bood Displays in all the Districts, State Meeting and some of our Churches. Prepared and mailed over Sixteen Thousand (16,000) copies of the Challenge, more than One Hundred Fifty (150) personal letters. Prepared the Digest Report and Programs for the State Meeting. Printed the Minutes 1978. I represented our State in Four (4) Board Meetings in Nashville, Tenn. One (1) State Meeting Oklahoma. One (1) State Meeting in Oklahoma. One (1) National Meeting in Kansas City, MO. This is only a summary of the work and of the Blessings of God. Now it is time to look forward and to expect Greater Blessings, as we continue to work together in Unity.

My Goals for this Office in 1979-1980

1. To see each of our Churches involved in the Total Ministeries of the Denomination.
2. To see a Sound Financial backing for the State Office.
3. To see a Fund started that will enable the State to purchase adequate Facilities.
4. To see the Christian Supply of Texas to grow both in sales and stock.
5. Begin to lay the necessary ground work for the National Meeting in Fort Worth, Texas in July 1982.
6. To try to fulfill the Great Commisssion of Matthew 28:19,20, and all the Duties as spelled out in our Texas State Constitution and By-Laws for the Executive Secretary.

" " " I recommend a proposed Budget of Twenty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars for the Office operational expense for the year 1979. " " "

It has been my joy and a real pleasure to serve you and our great State in this Office. As for the leadership of the Lord I feel that He would have me serve you and our State in this Office at this time. So I call upon each and every one of you Free Will Baptists in Texas, to pray for and help me along with you, to see Our Great State go forward in the days to come.
May God Bless us as we work together in UNITY..

Respectively Submitted,

Rev. Allen A. Moore
Executive Secretary

TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED FOR THE STATE OFFICE

Jan. 1 - 1978 to Dec. 31 - 1978

BREAKDOWN..

Fifty (50) Churches contributing *** \$ 12,080.19

Districts.

West Fork. \$228.19 * East Texas. \$271.77

Central. 650.00 * Midessa. 1,600.00 ** 2,749.96

40% Co-op Receipts ***** 3,064.34

Revivals held **** * 1,282.76

West Fork District for entertaining State Meeting ***** 130.00

Church Fee to State Meeting **** * 455.00

Districts Fee to State Meeting **** * 145.00

Offering at the State Meeting **** * 240.83

Individual contributing **** * 2,076.15

TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED INTO THIS OFFICE

1978*** * \$ 22,224.23

Les Office Expense **** * \$ 20,690.88

Balance left over **** * \$ 1,533.35

Balance in the Bank on December 31, 1977* 19.02

Total in the Bank as of December 31, 1978 \$ 1,552.37

EXECUTIVE OFFICE

JANUARY 1

TO

DECEMBER 31

1978

Postage	\$ 426.58	
Challenge	540.66	
Telephone	654.48	
Office, Equip., repair and supply.....	635.79	\$ 2,257.51

TRAVEL EXPENSE

I have driven over 40,000 miles and spent some
249 days out of the Office.

TOTAL \$ 4,547.37

SALARY AND BENEFITS

Salary ****	\$ 10,600.00	----\$ 200.00 of this 1977
I R S *****	1,066.00	----June 1977 to Jan. 1979
Retirement	120.00	
Hired some typing	150.00	

Housing **** 1,950.00 --- 150.00 of this 1977

\$13,886.00

OFFICE *****	\$ 2,257.51
TRAVEL *****	4,547.37
Salary Benefits	13,886.00

1978 TOTAL \$ 20,690.88

This figure is only \$ 1,485.32 over the total operating expense of 1977. I think that we are holding the Operating Expense of this Office at a very minimum, looking at the rate of inflation.

BREAKDOWN OF THE OUTSIDE ACCOUNTS
THAT CAME THROUGH STATE OFFICE

1978

National State Fee	-----	\$ 125.00
National Foreign Mission	-----	23,492.14
National Home Mission	-----	6,170.13
State Home Mission	-----	703.15
Bible College	-----	1,738.20
Hillsdale College	-----	2,425.83
National Office	-----	2,207.25
Temple Land Fund	-----	362.72
San Angelo Land Fund	-----	180.00
Free will baptist children, Home	-----	90.00
Retirement General Fund	-----	7.65
Rev. Creech State Meeting	-----	167.00
Rev. Jones State Meeting	-----	100.00

Total outside giving through the State Office ----

\$ 42,187.25

ENTERTAINING THE STATE MEETING IN ROTATION
EAST TEXAS DISTRICT 1980.. MIDESSA DISTRICT 1981
MISSION DISTRICT 1982..NORTHWEST BRAZOS 1983
WEST FORK DISTRICT 1984..CENTRAL DISTRICT 1985

June 20, 1979

My proposed Budget for the year 1979 is
\$ 24,700.00. (Breakdown as follows):

Executive Secretary Salary----- \$ 10,400.00

Housing \$ 310.00 Per-month ----- 3,720.00

Benefits

State Part of I.R.S. ----- 637.52

Retirement ----- 300.00

Total Salary and Benefits Per-week
to the Executive Secretary. \$289.56

TOTALS ----\$ 15,057.52

Travel--- \$510.00 Per-month -----\$ 6,120.00

Postage--- 41.66 Per-month ----- 500.00

Challenge- 50.00 Per-month ----- 600.00

Telephone- 64.99 Per-month ----- 780.00

Office and Equipment. 41.66 Per-month- 500.00

Executive Board Expense ----- 450.00

State Meeting Expense ----- 572.48

Miscellaneous ----- 120.00

TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1979 ----- \$ 24,700.00

Our goals will have to be \$ 2,058.33 Per-month in support to the State Office. I believe that we can do it. Texas Free Will Baptists are excited in seeing a job done for Christ. This Office is most important in todays Religious world. So by God's help we shall go over the top for Him.

DISTRICT , CHURCHES , and INDIVIDUALS
Giving to the State Office, Jan.1 - Dec. 31,
1978

West Fork District	-----\$	248.19
1st Dallas	-----	240.00
1st Bowie	-----	80.00
1st. Denison	-----	647.99
Friendship	-----	100.00
Gartman View	-----	10.00
1st Garland	-----	46.81
Liberty	-----	80.50
Calvary	-----	10.00
1st Comanche	-----	10.00
Concord	-----	95.00
Connally	-----	10.00
1st Waco	-----	300.00
1st. Grand Prairie	-----	51.50
Faith Wichita Falls	-----	120.00
1st Weatherford	-----	578.58
1st Wichita Falls	-----	242.00
Western Hills	-----	30.00
Pleasant Mound	-----	235.00
Trinity	-----	510.37
Canaan	-----	121.10
Canton	-----	30.00
Central District	-----	650.00
Bayshore	-----	142.00
Brightlight	-----	400.00
Cross	-----	399.45
Eastside	-----	650.00
Fellowship	-----	910.00
1st Bryan	-----	546.46
1st Houston	-----	600.00
North Zulch	-----	20.00
Pine Prairie	-----	357.00
United	-----	120.00
Cedars of Lebanon	-----	10.00

Mission District	-----	\$ 216.74
Faith San Antonio	-----	55.00
Northcrest	-----	540.00
Zion	-----	122.00
Christ's	-----	466.03
Lighthouse Mission	-----	159.96
1st Austin	-----	49.33
East Texas District	-----	271.77
1st Carthage	-----	80.00
Buncombe	-----	75.00
Mt. Olive	-----	425.50
Stewart	-----	200.03
Youngblood	-----	288.35
Mt. Union	-----	15.00
1st Henderson	-----	515.00
Good Hope	-----	295.00
Union Arbor	-----	220.00

Midessa District	-----	\$1,745.00
Andrews	-----	150.00
Forest Park	-----	156.95
Lubbock	-----	453.33
Westside	-----	94.19

Northwest Brazos District		
Oakdale	-----	435.00
Crowell	-----	164.23
Vernon	-----	37.50

..... TOTALS

Churches and Districts ----- \$ 15,832.86
 Revivals in our State credited to churches
 where held. -- \$ 1,002.71

Revival outside the State	-----	280.05
West Fork for State Meeting	-----	130.00
Churches Fee	-----	455.00
Offering at State Meeting	-----	240.83
Individual Contributing	-----	2,076.15
40% of Co-op	-----	3,064.34
District Fee	-----	145.00

\$22,224.23

Executive Secretary
 Rev. Allen A. Moore

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DECEMBER 31 1977 to DECEMBER 31 1978

We have set up displays in each of the District Meetings and some of our Churches. It is through the cooperation of people all over the State that this Ministry is possible. We are grateful to each of you for allowing us to have a part in the Ministry of placing good reading and study materials in the hands of our people.

We will bring the Book or Bible you want to the District Meeting or will mail it to you, so just let us know what you need.

My desire is to see the C hristian Supply continue to increase and we want to say thank you for all you have done. Please continue to help us see this Ministry increase.

You have been a real Blessing in my life. Allen and I want to thank you for everything. As we continue together we will have a walk in Texas Free Will Baptist Book Store some day.

A special thank you to the Districts Woman's Auxiliaries and Individuals who have make Cash Contributions to the Christian Supply.

Cash in Bank.. December 31, 1977--\$	251.79
Contributions..(Churches..Districts..Individuals)	
	148.87
Cook Books..(Advertisements)...	210.00
Postage	161.94
Sales..(Retail)	<u>3,794.17</u>
TOTAL.....\$	4,567.07

Disbursements..	
Purchases (Wholesale).....	\$ 3,848.65
Bank Fee	10.04
Vivian Moore.....	50.00
Postage	161.19
TOTAL	<u>\$ 4,069.88</u>

Respectively Submitted.

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY

Income Net	\$ 4,567.07
Disbursements.....	4,069.88

Cash Difference	\$ 497.19
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Profit of sales (Net) 39.76% ..	\$ 1,530.01
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Cash Difference and Sales net profit.....	\$ 2,027.20
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Inventory Net... Dec. 31,1977 ..	\$ 588.72
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Total	\$ 2,615.92
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Cash Balance Dec. 31, 1978	\$ 745.05
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Inventory Net December 31,1978	\$ 1,870.87
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Total	\$ 2,615.92
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Just for Information :

December 31,1977		December 31,1978
Cash on hand.. \$251.79	*****	\$ 745.05
Inventory..... 588.72	*****	1,870.87
Retail Sales.. 937.22	*****	3,794.47

To Christian Supply Accounts Payable 1978	
	\$ 335.49

Respectively Submitted
Vivian Moore

MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Temple, Texas
January 19 & 20, 1979

Members present for the meeting were Earl Scroggins, Raymond Lee, Billy Walker, Larry Cox, H. Z. Cox, Roy Norie and Allen Moore.

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 P. M. by Bro. Earl Scroggins reading Acts 15:6-11. He applied this to our day and the need to realize that there are issues that we must consider for the growth of our state work. Bro. H. Z. Cox led us in prayer.

Bro. Allen Moore gave several reports of the state work for the year 1978. The Financial Report included the expenses, receipts and balance for the year. The Executive Secretary Report included the work of the secretary for the year and the goals for the coming year. The Executive Office Report included the office expenses, travel expenses, salary and benefits for 1978. The report of the Total Monies Received for the state work gave the breakdown of where the monies came from to operate the state office. He gave a report of the breakdown of the Outside Accounts that came through the State Office.

Motion by Bro. Norie and seconded by Bro. Lee that these reports be received and approved to be included in the Digest of Reports to the State Meeting in June, Carried.

We heard a report from the Moderator concerning some changes for the Texas State Executive Secretary. After some discussion and further changes a motion was made by Bro. Lee and seconded by Bro. Larry Cox that the proposal with the changes be adopted to become effective as of January 1, 1979. Carried. The proposal was as follows:

Salary of Executive Secretary....	\$ 10,400.00
Housing ... \$310.00 per month..	3,720.00
State part of I.R.S.	637.52
Retirement	300.00

TOTALS	\$ 15,057.52
Total salary and benefits per week..	\$289.56

1. The travel expense be raised from 12 cents per mile.
2. That Bro. Moore be allowed to move to his home in Denison so that he will have more space for storage and the stock of the Christian Supply.
3. The State Executive Office will bear the expenses for the move of Bro. Moore to Denison.

We were dismissed for supper with prayer by Bro. Norie.

We continued our meeting following supper to discuss the State Meeting.

Motion by Bro. Larry Cox and seconded by Bro. Lee that Bro. Allen Moore be recommended to the State Meeting to serve as Executive Secretary for the next two years 1979-1981. Carried.

After looking over the Special Committee report concerning delegation fees to the State Meeting a motion was made by Bro. Lee and seconded by Bro. Larry Cox that the committee's report as presented be recommended to the State Meeting for a Constitutional change. Carried.

Bro. Moore stated that all reports to be in the Digest of Reports must be in his hands by April 1, 1979.

The Mission Board members to be elected this year are from the Central and Mission Districts and will serve for a 3 year term.

Several minutes of discussion transpired concerning the laxity of standards and the dress code at Hillsdale College this year. Bro. Norie was asked to express our sentiments to the Hillsdale Board of Trustees which were to meet the next week.

Motion carried to adjourn until 8:00 A. M. tomorrow morning. We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Lee.

Our meeting continued on January 20 at 8:00 A. M. with Bro. Larry Cox reading from II Peter 1:4-8.

He placed special emphasis upon verse 8 that we should not be barren nor unfruitful in the work of the Lord. Bro. Billy Walker led in prayer.

Mrs. Allen Moore gave the report of the Christian Supply. Motion by Bro. Walker and seconded by Bro. Norie that this report be received and approved to be included in the Digest of Reports to the State Meeting. Carried.

Motion by Bro. Walker and seconded by Bro. Lee that 5% of the profits plus any undesignated contributions to the Christian Supply be set aside into a savings account for future expansion of the Christian Supply. Carried.

Motion by Bro. Lee and seconded by Bro. Norie that the proposed budget of operation for the State Office be adopted for the 1979 year. Carried. (Copy is attached)

After a brief break we met with all of the State Boards at 10:00 A.M. . Bro. Earl Scroggins opened the meeting by reading John 2:11. He challenged us to expect and experience miracles in the Lord's work. Jesus began them and as we let Him work through us we can experience them in His work. Bro. Scroggins led us in prayer.

Bro. Ron McMillin gave a report of the Christian Education Board and presented some of their ideas and suggestions for their part in the State Meeting.

The Mission Board report was given by Bro. Keith Woody with a challenge for us to try and reach more people for Christ by starting more new churches. This year they are planning a new work in Longview, Texas with Bro. Harold Teague as missionary.

The moderator gave the report of the Executive Board to all the boards. After some discussion concerning the program for the State Meeting and the worship services we agreed for the Executive Board to plan the Wednesday night, Thursday night and Friday morning worship services. The Christian Education Board will plan the Thursday morning worship service.

Bro. Herbert Richards dismissed the boards with prayer.

Motion by Bro. Moore and seconded by Bro. Norie that the theme for the State Meeting at Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Bryan, Texas on June 6-8, 1979 be "Building Up The Saints" using Titus 2:11-14. Carried.

We were dismissed with prayer for lunch by Bro. Moore.

Motion by Bro. Larry Cox and seconded by Bro. Moore that the following speakers along with the assigned topics be approved for the State Meeting. Carried.
Wed. Night - "Living for Christ" Titus 2:12

Rev. Billy B. Walker, Speaker

Thur. Night - "Laboring for Christ" Titus 2:14

Rev. Roy Norie, Speaker

Friday morning - "Looking for Christ" Titus 2:13

Rev. Keith Woody, Speaker

Motion by Bro. Norie and seconded by Bro. Moore that Bro. Raymond Lee serve as Music Director for our State Meeting this year. Carried.

Motion by Bro. Walker and seconded by Bro. Lee that Bro. Moore be authorized to select a Sunday to promote our State Office in our churches and that he notify the pastors and the churches of the purpose and intent of such a day. Carried.

Motion by Bro. Moore and seconded by Bro. Lee that we adjourn the Executive Board Meeting. Carried.

We were dismissed with prayer led by Bro. Larry Cox.

Respectfully Submitted,

Billy B. Walker, Clerk

DISTRICTS REPORTING

1. Northwest Brazos
2. West Fork
3. Midessa
4. Mission
5. East Texas
6. Central Texas

CHURCHES REPORTING With Fees and Delegates

1. Bright Light
2. Northcrest
3. Mt. Olive
4. Fellowship
5. Northwest
6. First, Conroe
7. Pleasant Mound
8. Cross
9. Oakdale
10. Calvary
11. First, Bryan
12. First, Weatherford
13. Evergreen
14. Faith, San Antonio
15. Forest Park
16. Alto
17. First, Waco
18. First, Comanche
19. North Zulch
20. Western Hills
21. Cedros Del Libano
22. Pino Prairie
23. Good Hope
24. Youngblood
25. First, Carthage
26. Lubbock
27. Zion
28. Bayshore
29. First, Denison
30. Bible
31. Union Arbor
32. United
33. Friendship
34. Easley's Chaple
35. First, Bowie
36. First, Dallas
37. Trinity
38. Eastside
39. Lighthouse
40. Connally
41. First, Siminole
42. Rayenell
43. Stewart
44. Christ's
45. Mt. Union
46. Liberty
47. First, Vernon
48. First, Henderson
49. First, Wichita Falls
50. First, Mesquite.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONCERNING DELEGATION FEES:

Bro. Gary Tune, Chairman

Bro. Bob Gill

Bro. Ron McMillin

1. Whereas revenue from present delegation fees are insufficient to cover convention expenses, and
 2. Whereas many churches are lax in paying their delegation fees, and
 3. Whereas the deficit is paid from the Executive Office funds creating a deficit in that account
- I. Therefore we propose the following Constitutional changes:
- A. That ARTICLE V, Section 3 be revised to read:
"The letter of each District shall be accompanied by a registration fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each church which is a member of that District".
 - B. That ARTICLE V, Section 4 be revised to read:
"The letter of each church shall be accompanied by a registration fee of twenty dollars (\$20.00)".
 - C. That ARTICLE V be amended with Section 5 which shall read:
"Delegates (including standing and elected) from any church or District failing to pay their respective fees shall not be seated".

TEXAS HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

TEXAS FREE WILL BAPTISTS can be proud of their accomplishments during 1978. Because of Texas Free Will Baptists' vision for home missions, souls have been saved, churches have been planted, and God has been glorified. There is much excitement across our State for the success of the new works and for the vision of the men of God who have gone to new cities to plant new churches. As we look for the return of our Lord, this excitement must not wane, but we must use our new success as a stepping stone to even a greater vision for the future.

The progress cannot be measured by statistics for it is impossible to show the lives that have been touched already by our new works and those that will be touched in the future because of their vision. Yet, the only way to inform our State of the progress being made is through statistics and facts about the new works. These facts can never reflect the burdens carried by the men and women who have gone to new cities to begin new churches, neither can they show the prayers, tears, study, and anguish of heart borne by our missionaries and their families.

The Texas State Home Mission Board reports to this 65th session with great joy for what has been accomplished this year in home missions in our State. Texas exceeded its quota in giving to home missions by giving over the \$20,000. goal set by the National Home Mission Board. The pastors of our churches are to be commended for leading their people to give to home missions. The work in McAllen is close to self supporting and they have a beautiful new church plant and a very strong attendance already. We praise God for the work the Larry Powell family has done in the valley. The work in Temple is growing and they have purchased property for their new church plant. The Sanford Davis family is doing an outstanding job in Temple and we are grateful to the Lord for

their presence there. A new joint project is beginning in Longview and the Harold Teague family will be our missionaries to this growing city. We appreciate this family's faith in going to Longview. Gary and Sue Tune have been in San Angelo for two years and although this is not a joint project, it is no less important to the work of the Lord. They have purchased an outstanding site for their future church plant and are worshipping on it at present in a portable church purchased for them by Midessa District. There have been other works started this year that are not sponsored by the National State, or any of the Districts and we praise God for their vision and pray that the Lord will use them for His glory.

While it is a blessing to reflect on past successes, we cannot forget our present needs. The pressing need for Texas Home Missions is prayer, money, and men. We must have direct support from our churches in Texas to the accounts of our Texas Missionaries if we are able to establish new churches. We must be ready to give consistent support to these new works until they can become self supporting. We must pray for the men we have on the field at present and pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth more laborers. Most of our churches in Texas are small, but we must give above our size so that new churches can be established and then pray that they will out grow our present works. Our pastors must spark revival in our churches to reach new people for the Lord who in turn can furnish the financial base for starting new churches in other cities. Texas has hundreds of cities where there is no Free Will Baptist work and in those cities hundreds will spend eternity in hell unless they are reached by Free Will Baptists. There must be men who will go. These men must have a vision and burden for lost souls and for cities where we have failed to heed the Lord's command because we have not planted churches in those towns. There must be a new vision among our pastors to preach the support of missions and our young men must be encouraged to prepare themselves to evangelize these cities for God.

As we look for the coming of our Lord, we must plan as if He would delay His coming many years, yet live in expectancy of His coming every hour. Our plans for

home missions in Texas must look to the future with a determination to get as much accomplished for our Lord as we have the ability to do. Apathy, sectionalism, an independent spirit, or the fact that our State is so large cannot deter us from the urgency of our calling to take the Gospel to all of our cities. In order to do this in our lifetime we must work in unity and live towards a common goal. We must have families who will go, whether sponsorship, who will choose a city and build a work for the Lord. The task is monumental and the laborers are few but we serve an omniscient Lord of the harvest. We have begun, let us not grow weary in well doing for we shall reap if we faint not.

Keith Woody

Chairman, Texas Home Mission Board

STATEMENT OF FINANCE FOR TEXAS F. W. B.
STATE HOME MISSION/CHURCH EXTENSION BOARD FOR THE
YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 1978 & ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1978

<u>TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</u>		<u>\$ 5,461.36</u>
Brought forward 1-5-78	1,651.14	
Receipts for 1-5-78 through 12-31-78	3,810.22	
<u>Expenditures</u>		<u>1,571.14</u>
Board Travel	355.06	
Tel. & postal Expense	45.15	
Ministers' & laymen's Retreat	200.00	
Channeled Money	970.93	

<u>RECEIPTS FOR THE GENERAL FUND</u>		<u>2,761.29</u>
Co-operative Plan	1,843.80	
1st FWB Church-Wichita	20.00	
1st FWB Church-Henderson	75.00	
1st FWB Church-Houston	120.00	
1st FWB Church-Weatherford	27.94	
Oakdale FWB Church	65.94	
Mt. Union FWB Church	45.00	
Mt. Olive FWB Church	25.00	
Cross FWB Church	234.00	
Fellowship FWB Church	5.00	
Amarillo FWB Church	30.60	
Christ's FWB Church	101.00	
Stewart FWB Church	23.71	
N.W. Brazos Dist. Assn.	39.30	
Clyde Humble	20.00	
Ministers' & Laymens' Retreat	85.00	

<u>CHANNELED ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS</u>		<u>1,048.93</u>
Sanford Davis Account	278.00	
1st. FWB Church-Henderson	140.00	
San Angelo FWB Church	33.00	
Christ's FWB Church	30.00	
Northeast FWB Church	65.00	
1st. FWB Church-Wichita	5.00	
Benjamin Fittee	5.00	

Jim Williams Account	85.00	
1st FWB Church-Henderson	85.00	

Larry Powell Account	685.93
Mt. Union FWB Church	105.00
Mt. Olive FWB Church	225.00
Stewart FWB Church	55.00
Christ's FWB Church	53.22
Northcrest FWB Church	32.00
Trinity FWB Church	25.00
Pleasant Mound FWB Church	103.00
Mission Dist. Association	87.7.

Balance on Hand 12-31-78	\$ 3,890.22	
Total Expenditures		
1-5-78 through 12-31-78	1,571.14	
Total Accounted for		5,461.36
Total to be Accounted for		5,461.36

Balance

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HILLSDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST COLLEGE

TRUSTEE REPORT

July-December - 1978

Greetings to the Texas State Association of Free Will Baptists, from your elected Trustee Board member of Texas. This half year report is one that could be better, but it could have also been much worse and I say that because I lived on campus from January to May in 1978. First hand information is very good information and sometimes it's destructive when it's used the wrong way. I have seen this very thing at work and the Devil would destroy all the good works of the Lord and even the local Church if we but let him. Thanks be to God, for we know that, "Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world". (I John 4:4) Victory is ours because we are on God's side and II Tim. 2:15 tells us why Hillsdale is victorious and will be for His glory.

The fall semester enrollment in August, 1978, was up to 184 with 14 students from Texas. Marsha Reeder and Shera Stell from Buffalo Springs, Allen Crosby from Crowell, Renwick Craft from El Campo, Nancy Sankhead and Theresa Kite from Fort Worth, Paul Denman from Houston, and Sally McDuffie, Jeff Reeves and Matthew Reeves from Iola, Clyde Tucker from Laneville, Arlay Atchley from Pampa, Peggy Anderson from Spring, and David Medley from Wichita Falls.

I have made two trips to the college for board meetings in the Fall of 1978 to report for the fall semester of the year. Many changes were made in faculty and staff members with more part time teachers than full time. Finances was the main cause of this and Texas like a lot of other states let down on their part. Our gift to the school for 1978, Jan.-Dec. , was \$ 2,518.15. This was way below our giving in years past. I pray that we will do a much better job in 1979 in doing our part.

Inter-collegiate sports at Hillsdale was dropped because of high cost of athletics and I believe we will be better off without them. There will be Intramural sports at the school for all students.

The newest dorm buildings were occupied by young married students and some of the other students rented the apartments. There is still a great need for other buildings on campus for classrooms, a new and larger library as the old one is already crowded and out of space. A campus incomplete will always have a need of your support and prayers.

The Lord God is blessing the school in its entirety and we praise His name for His wonderful help. With the problems of inflation and the cost of all that comes along, Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College is one of God's bright spots in a world that's filled with sin's blackness, which is increasing daily.

Hillsdale has high quality in Education for every student with standards and principles that are needed for our generation of today. Send your sons and daughters that they may be able to have a Christian education to go with the secular education of today.

Hillsdale will be having a new President when the Fall Semester starts in August, 1979. Pray for this man to be God's man to lead the school to even greater goals for the future. Our thanks and best wishes for President Bill Jones and family for a job well done. God be with you, Bro. Bill, in the service ahead.

Thanks to all of you for your prayers and support in 1978.

Rev. Roy Norie, Jr.
Texas Hillsdale Board Member

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 nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

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

7. THE WORK OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, 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 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, is of universal obligation, and is 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 (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" (1 Cor. 16:2a).

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 pro-
motion of educational and denominational enter-
prises, 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.

