

August 1850 minutes of the first anniversary of the Tow River Association.

There shall be a treasurer appointed by the association who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the association, whose duty it shall be to take care of, and account for, all moneys committed to his care.

Be that the association assume no higher authority than an advisory council.

Articles of Faith

Article 1st We believe in one only, living and true God, and that there are three that have reconciled in heaven. The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, and these are one in substance and equal in power and glory.

2nd We believe that the scriptures of the old and new testament are the word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

3rd We believe in the doctrine of original sin, and that all men fell.

4th We believe that Jesus Christ has come and made a full atonement for all, and all may come by the gospel and be saved.

5th We believe that the gospel has its effects on the mind and the person complying these will be regenerated and born again.

6th We believe all the commandments of God should be done by his followers.

7th We believe the saints will be saved by faith and practice and not without.

8th We believe that baptism by immersion is right at once but foremost in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

9th We believe the bread and wine is the communion of the body and blood of Jesus Christ and all men following ought to partake thereof. We request all the protestant denominations who believe that God for Christ's sake has pardoned this sins and no other.

10th We believe none has a right to administer the ordinances but such men as are called and qualified unto the ministry.

11th We believe that washing the saints feet is a command of God and all saints should practice the same.

12th We believe it is the duty of all churches to support this ministry and that the rich give to the poor and not the poor to the rich.

“Search the Scriptures”

“Rules of Decorum”

Article 1st That the association be opened and closed by prayer.

2nd That there be no conversation by the members one by another so as to interrupt business while in session.

3rd That any member wishing to speak shall first rise to his feet and address the moderator.

4th That no member shall interrupt another when speaking.

5th That no member shall make remarks on another’s manners of speaking, as on their slips and blunders.

6th That we admit no other title to each other while in session but that of brother.

7th That any member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

8th That no member shall speak more than three times on any one subject without leave of the association.

9th That no member shall withdraw without leave of the moderator.

10th That any motion made and seconded shall be attended to except withdrawn by the person who made it.

11th That all motions made when the vote of the association is taken a majority shall be an act.

12th That the moderator shall have the same to speak as another member provided the chair be filled.

13th That any member breaking the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.