

MINUTES

THE SEVENTY THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

Toe River Free Will Baptist
ASSOCIATION.

WHICH CONVENED WITH

McCoury's Rock Church,

Avery County, N. C.

Sept. 14, 15, 16, 1922.

OFFICERS

Rev. DAN MILLER,

Moderator.

Rev. T. C. HICKS,

Clerk.

The next session of the Association will be held with Lewis Chapel, better known as Horse Creek, Church one mile from Station at Minneapolis, N. C. being in Avery County, N. C. beginning on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September. Rev. G. W. Beverly to Preach the Introductory Sermon Rev. Roy Pitts, his Alternate.

September 14, 15, 16, 1922

Proceedings.

The Seventy Third Annual Session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with McCourry's Rock Church, Sept. 14, at 11 a. m. Introductory sermon delivered by Rev. Cline Griffith, with Rev. T. C. Hicks following with good effect on all present.

On motion adjourned until 2. p. m. for the Organization.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment at 2. p. m. Prayer by bro. A. L. Cates, The Business was called to order by bro. Dan Miller, Moderator of the previous association.

On motion passed to organize the Association by enrolling the names of Ministers, and Churches and enrolling their Delegates.

MINISTERS ENROLLED.

Rev. Bros:—Dan Miller, T. H. McCourry, S. P. Barnett, T. C. Hicks, J. H. Arrowood, J. S. Arnett, G. Hopson, David Campbell, Joseph Honeycutt, J. M. Lewis, John Campbell, Roy Pitts, W. G. Beverly, S. C. Tolly, W. F. Taylor, J. J. Hunter, D. J. White, Cline Griffith, Albert Woody, W. J. Pritchard, W. M. D. Tolly, D. C. Tolly, G. W. Brummett, W. M. Brummett, Sidney Deyton, T. J. Reed, James Arrowood, Marshall Setzer, L. H. Griffith, W. H. Clark.
Licentiates—Johney W. Miller, John C. Street, Bob Miller, John Mason, Aaron Honeycutt.

Churches called and delegates enrolled:

Blowing Rock—G. W. Beverly, J. W. Williams.

Union Hill—D. H. Peterson, R. B. Whitson.

Morgans Chapel—T. A. Arnett, R. C. Morgan.

Snow Hill—by proxy,

Beans Creek—By letter.

Dennis Cove—G. C. Whitehead.

Mount-Pleasant—by letter.

Forbs—Sam Troutman, David Street.

Barnetts Chapel—by proxy,
Tiptons Chapel—

Roans Chapel—by bro. David Campbell.

Curtice Creek—J. H. Pritchard, Garfield Hicks, Sherman Pritchard.

Fairview—

Clarks Chapel—by letter,

Pigeon-Roost—Ed Arrowood, Nat Gouge.

Lewis Chapel—D. E. Hicks, G. M. Erwin, Garrett Lewis.

Toe River—Cline Griffith.

Henson Creek—J. F. Buchanan, J. S. Burleson, Joseph Pitman

Millers Chapel—by letter.

Cane Creek—A. D. Pitman.

Gap Creek—Ed Arnett, Worley Britt, D. M. Grindstaff.

Brummetts Creek—by letter.

St. Paul—

St. John—Wilson Freman.

Shell Creek—David Miller, Verney Richardson, Mrs. David Miller.

Elk Mountain—J. M. Janes, J. M. Carpenter.

Carrols Chapel—

Mount Marion—

Bliss Chapel—

Little Elk—W. J. Cook, Paul Cook.

McCourry's Rock—Mack McCourry, Tenny Griffith, Thomas Cantrell.

Green Mountain—J. W. Laws, G. N. Laws, Isaac Hopson.

Little Doe—A. L. Cates, S. E. Cates.

Oak Hill—Henry Stephens.

On motion called for the enrollment of new churches: received none.

On motion passed to the election of Moderator and Clerk, Viz: the Rev. Bros. Dan Miller, Moderator, T. C. Hicks, Clerk.

On motion appointed the several Committees, to wit:—

Pulpit,—Mack McCourry, Tenny Griffith, Thomas Cantrel.

Investigation,—J. H. Arrowood, S. P. Barnett, G. Hopson.

Business,—W. M. Brummett, Bill D. Tolly, J. S. Arnett.

Education,—T. H. McCourry, Mack McCourry, G. W. Beverly.

Sabbath Schools,—T. A. Arnett, A. L. Cates, J. H. Pritchard.

Temperance,—D. C. Tolley, G. Hopson, Cline Griffith.

Obituaries,—S. P. Barnett, J. W. Miller.

Finance,—A. D. Pitman, Albert Woody.

Session,—Henry Clark, Ed Arrowood, J. W. Williams.

On motion invitation for visiting brethren and Corresponding delegates to seats in this body, and the Revs. brothers came forward to wit: W. B. Vance, A. S. Hicks, from the Watauga association. R. M. Willet, from Union association. Zeb Ledford, from Jacks Creek, association. Committee on pulpit report that Bro G. W. Beverly preach at 4, p. m. and bro. J. H. Arrowood at night.

On motion adjourned until 9 o'clock a. m. Friday Morning, for preaching by bro. G. W. Beverly with good effect on all present, also preaching at night by bro. J. H. Arrowood, with good effect on all present.

FRIDAY MORNING

9 o'clock Friday morning met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. S. P. Barnett. Then on motion Minutes of Thursday session called for read and adopted.

On motion bro. T. H. McCourry, was given permission to read the History and names of the old veterans and Founders of the Toe River association, with a good talk, and on motion it was adopted, and well received.

On motion the Ministers Roll is to be called at each session and the names of those present to be marked, present, and those absent, to be marked absent.

On motion adjourned until 2. p. m. Friday evening, for preaching by, bro. W. M. D. Tolly, with good effect on all present

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

Met at 2. p. m. pursuant to adjournment. reading of Fourth Chap. of St. Luke, by bro. David Campbell, prayer by same.

On motion Minutes of the forenoon session read and adopted.

On motion called for the reports of the several Committees, and received report of Committee on education, and adopted the same to wit:

We your committee on Education, believe first in a Christian Education; we believe unless a person attains a christian Education any other prompts him to be an infidel, or atheist and is Damnable in the sight of God, but let us all strive to Educate our children and brethren to be God fearing, Christ like people. Let us all reverence God, morally and Spiritually.

Respectfully Submitted

G. W. BEVERLY,
T. H. MCCOURY,
MACK MCCOURY, } Committee

On motion received and adopted report on Temperance, to wit:—We, your Committee on Temperance, ask, shall we allow any Church member or Deacon, or Preacher, to use or Justify any kind of intoxication, or Dram drinking, in the least and we as your Committee say no, and if any do, they shall be amenable to this body and dealt with accordingly.

D. C. TOLLY,
G. HOPSON,
D. C. GRIFFITH, } Committee.

On motion, received and adopted report on Sabbath Schools, to wit:—We, your Committee on Sabbath Schools beg to submit the following report, we recommend:—

1st. That every Church belonging to the Toe River Association run a sabbath school.

2nd. That all churches which have no sabbath school Organize one at once.

3rd. That all sabbath schools have a Bible Class.

4th. That every member use all their energy to influence to promote the sabbath school to be one of the greatest means of bringing people to Christ.

Train up your children in the way they shall go and when they get Old They will not depart from it

T. A. ARNETT,
A. L. CATES,
J. H. PRITCHARD, } Committee

On motion received and adopted the report of Committee on Obituaries we, your committee on Obituaries beg to submit the following, to wit.—

Brother Sidney Barnett, Died May 21, 1922. age 73 years he was a member of the Free Will Baptist church for 55, years he said he would be saved and was ready for death, he leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss he was ever ready to help the cause of Christ.

Brother Willie Simerely, of Little Doe Church, Died August, 1922. was a member of Little Doe Free Will Baptist Church, for several years, leaves a wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was useful in his country.

Vianne Edwards, died April 20, 1922, age 72 years, a member of the F. W. B. church for Forty years, a good christian.

Bessie Edwards, died Aug. 1, 1922. Joined the F. W. B. Church at Hunt Dale, N. C. Dec. 1904, lived a Consecrated Christian for 18 years, leaving a husband and Five Children and a host of friends to mourn her loss. By John Wilson.

Sister Rhoda Street, Died July, 1921. She was a member of F. W. B Church from her youth. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss. She was a member of Roans Chapel Church.

Brother Harrell Simmons, departed this life Sept. 1921. bro. Harrell lived a Moral life and was loved by every-body that knew him, was a member of the F. W. B. Church at Blowing Rock, N. C. leaves a Christian wife and four children to mourn his loss. Age twenty five years. by bro. J. W. Williams.

Sister Rittie McGee, the wife of bro. Rom McGee, was born Dec. 1, 1887, Died Dec. 25, 1921. She lived a consistant christian life for a number of years. She said before she died that she was ready to go. She leaves a husband and six children a mother and three brothers and two sisters and a mighty host of friends to mourn her departure.

S. P. Barnett, }
J. W. Miller, } Committee,

REPORT ON FINANCE,

We your committee on Finance beg to report for minute Funds \$26.75 cts. Signed

A. D. PITMAN, }
ALBERT WOODY, } Committee,

REPORT ON SESSION.

We, your committee on session beg to report that we give the next Annual session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist association to the Church at Lewis Chapel, better known as Horse Creek, to convene begining on Thursday before the Third Sunday in September, 1923. Also the next Ministers' Conference to convene with the Church at Union Hill, being in Mitchel County, N. C., begining on Thursday before the Third Sunday in December, 1922. Report was adopted. Signed

W. H. CLARK, }
ED ARROWOOD, } Committee.
WILLIE WILLIAMS, }

On motion, bro. G. W. Beverly, was called and appointed to preach the Introductory sermon, both for the Association, and Ministers Conference, brother Roy Pitts, his Alternate, for the association, and brother Cline Griffith, his Alternate for the Ministers Conference to be held with Union Hill begining on the 14, of December 1922.

On motion the Rev. Brothers was appointed as Fraternal Messengers to the Jack's Creek Association, to wit:—

G. Hopson, T. H. McCourry, Mack McCourry, as Fraternal Messengers.

On motion the association, adjourned until Saturday morning 8 o. clock for preaching by Brother Zeb Ledford, with real good effect on all present. Preaching at night by bro. Dan Miller with good effect on all present, and was well received. The association was adjourned until Thursday before the Third Sunday in Sept. 1923.

DAN MILLER, Moderator,

T. C. HICKS, Association Clerk,

MINISTERS CONFERENCE.

SATURDAY MORNING 8 o'CLOCK.

The Ministers Conference met Sept. 16, 1922. with McCoury's Rock. On motion the present Moderator was retained for the Ministers Conference, and the Clerk being present of the Ministers Conference. Conference opened by reading of the 14, chap. of St. John, and Prayer by Bro. T. C. Hicks.

On motion the Ministers roll was called to wit:—Rev. Brothers,—T. H. McCourry, S. P. Barnettt, J. H. Arrowood, Dan Miller, T. C. Hicks, J. S. Arnett, David Campbell, J. J. Hunter, D. J. White, J. M. Lewis, John Campbell, Joseph Honeycutt, S. C. Tolly, W. M. D. Tolly, D. C. Tolly, W. F. Taylor, G. W. Brumett, W. M. Brumett, L. H. Griffith, Cline Griffith, W. J. Pritchard, Albert Woody, James Arrowood, Sidney Deyton, T. J. Reed, G. W. Beverly, Roy Pitts, Marshall Setzer, G. Hopson, W. H. Clark.

Licentiates:—Johney W. Miller, John C. Street, Bob Miller, John Mason, Aaron Honeycutt. On motion the character was good on all so far as known, but A. L. Honeycutt. On motion the invitation was given for joiners and received bros. Roy Pitts, G. W. Beverly and Marshall Setzer. On motion the name of A. L. Honeycutt, was dropped from the Ministers Roll. On motion the Minutes of the Previous Ministers Conference was read and adopted.

On motion called for applications for Ordination or License and received application for renewal of License of the following brothers, to wit:—Bob Miller, John Miller, Cline Griffith, John C. Street. On motion their License was renewed for Twelve months.

On motion the old Ordaining Council was retained with the new, or Revised list, to wit: Rev. bros: T. H. McCourry, S. P. Barnett, J. H. Arrowood, T. C. Hicks. On motion, the Ministers conference adjourned until Thursday before the Third Sunday in December, 1922, to convene with the church at Union Hill, near Green Mountain, N. C., being in Mitchell County, N. C., G. W. Beverly, to preach the Introductory sermon, Cline Griffith, his alternate.

Preaching by bro. John Dean, Sat. evening with good effect on all present, and Bro. G. W. Beverly, at night, also with good effect. Sunday, the preaching was well received by all attending and had real good effect, and was a love feast and much brotherly love shown and old time religion was manifest greatly.

We close this association and Ministers conference by saying, we thank the good people of McCourry's Rock, for their kindness and hospitality during this series of meetings, and may God bless you all for the same.

T. C. HICKS, Association Clerk,
DAN MILLER, Moderator.

D. H. PETERSON, Conference Clerk.

Names and Address of the Ministers of Toe River Association.

T. H. McCourry	Senia, N. C.
J. M. Lewis	Newland, N. C.
T. C. Hicks	Elk Park, N. C.
T. J. Reed	Linville, N. C.
W. J. Pritchard	Pineola, N. C.
G. W. Beverly	Blowing-Rock, N. C.
Roy Pitts	Blowing-Rock, N. C.
Marshall Setzer	Collettsville, N. C.
J. H. Arrowood	Relief, R. 1, N. C.
Daniel Miller	Relief, N. C.
James Arrowood	Relief, N. C.
G. Hopson	Peppers, N. C.
Albert Woody	Spear, N. C.
Sidney Deyton	Hunt Dale, N. C.
John C. Street	Hunt Dale, N. C.
James Wilson	Rutherfordton, N. C.
David Campbell	Buladean, N. C.
Joseph Honeycutt	Buladean, N. C.
Cline Griffith	Day Book, N. C.
Aaron Honeycutt	Relief, N. C.
J. J. Hunter	Ramseytown, N. C.
L. H. Griffith	Day Book, N. C.
W. M. D. Tolly	Roanmountain, R. 2, Tenn
S. C. Tolly	" " "
W. M. Brummett	" " "
W. H. Clark	" " "
S. P. Barnett	R. 1. Box 171, Johnson City, Tenn
John Mason	R. 2. Box 84, " "
G. W. Brummett	R. 2. " "
Bob Miller	Box 169, " "
W. F. Taylor	R. 2. " "
D. C. Tolly	R. 1. Hampton, " "
J. S. Arnett	R. 2. " "
D. J. White	Erwin, " "
John Miller	Roanmountain, Tenn.

As the church letters were not complete, the above list is all I can do, and as near correct as is possible to give. Please use care in reporting to the Association.—T. C. HICKS.

CHURCHES	CLERK AND ADDRESS	DATE OF MEETING
1 Henson Creek	J. F. Buchanan, Spear, N. C.	4th. Saturday & Sunday,
2 Union Hill	J. D. Peterson, Peppers "	3rd. Sat. & Sun.
3 Dennis Cove	Molly Bennett, Hampton, Tenn.	2nd. Sat. & Sun.
4 Forbes Chapel	Sam Troutman, Roan Mtn, Tenn	
5 Pigeon Roost	Millard Johnson, Relief, N. C.	
6 Oak Hill	Hattie Stephens, Hampton, Tenn.	4th. Sat. & Sun.
7 Millers Chapel	Harrie Bell, Limestone O. Tenn.	1st. Sunday.
8 Cane Creek	Joe Stephens, Hawk, N. C.	Sat. before 2nd. Sun.
9 Clarks Chapel	R. 2 Box 80, Roan Mtn, Tenn.	Sun. before 2nd. Sun.
10 Gap Creek	Cartha Stevens R4 Elizabethton	Sat. before 4th. Sun.
11 Mount Pleasant	Mal Hill Ewart, N. C.	
12 St. John	Eva Morgan, Roan Mtn, Tenn.	2nd. Sat. & Sun.
13 Green Mountain	Isaac Hopson, Green Mtn. N. C.	1st. Sat. & Sun.
14 Lewis Chapel	G. M. Erwin, Minneapolis.	3rd. Sat. & Sun.
15 Blowing Rock	Dave Meyer, Blowing Rock,	4th. Sat. & Sun.
16 Little Elk	W. J. Cook, Elk Park,	4th. Sat. & Sun.
17 McGoury's Rock	Maek McGoury, Senia,	2nd. Sat. & Sun.
18 Morgans Chapel	A. J. Arnett, R2, Roan Mtn, Tenn.	2nd. Sat. & Sun.
19 Outree Creek	F. C. Palmer, Heaton, N. C.	2nd. Sat. & Sun.
20 Little Doe	J. W. Whitehead, R1 Hampton,	
21 Elk Mountain	Millard James, Hughes, N. C.	
22 Shell Creek	Henry Vance, Shell Creek, Tenn.	

CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

DIRECTORY AND STATISTICS OF CHURCHES OF THE RIVER ASSOCIATION

CHURCHES	PASTORS ELECT	Baptised	Otherwise	Excluded	Dismissed	Minute Funds	Total Membership	Died	Paid Pastor	Revival Work	Number in Sabbath School
Little Doe	H. Howington	16	27	1	1	1 15	125	1	38 40	\$44 00	65
Lewis Chapel	Albert Woody		3			75	88	1	26 00	11	50
Beans Creek	W. B. Vance					75	48		25 00	40	50
Shell Creek	Tolly Bros.	9	5	1	1	1 00	48		16 30	5	45
McCoury's Rock	J. S. Arnett	8	2	4		1 10	64		25 10	40	70
Little Elk	A. W. Woody	20	17	1		1 00	47		20 00	14	59
Elk Mountain	Bill D. Tolly		8	2	2	1 00	61		50 00		
Morgans Chapel	S. C. Tolly					50	75	1			
Roans Chapel	A. B. Lowery			4		1 45	1		37 48		35
Toe River	J. S. Arnett	5	2	1	1	1 00	50		3 00	1 56	30
Curtice Creek	Henry Clark		2	5		1 50	46	1	25 00		
Pigeon Roost	J. H. Arrowood					1 20	49	1	27 80	36	35
Brummetts Creek	H. Howington	7	5			1 00	35		15 00	5	
Oak Hill	Dan Miller	2	6	2	1	1 00	35				
Millers Chapel	G. Hopson					1 00	49	2			
Cane Creek	David Campbell					1 75	43		18 00	16	54
Clarks Chapel	Dan Miller	5	10			1 00	60		187 00	47	30
Green Mountain	T. H. McCoury			14		1 75	38	1	14 35		45
St. John	Roy Pitts	3	4	2	1	1 30	73		24 50	16	40
Blowing Rock	A. W. Woody	5		1	1	1 50	50		42 61	7	40
Henson Creek	J. H. Arrowood	2	18	2	3	1 00	11		5 33	1	60
Union Hill	Clark & Brummett	6	7			1 35	53				
Mount Pleasant	Tolly Bros	9	12	6		60	19		31 75	29	25
Gap Creek	D. C. Tolly					1 15	59				
Dennis Cove	W. B. Vance	12	8	2	1	1	59				
Forbes Chapel											

RULES OF DECORUM

- ART. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
- ART. 2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
- ART. 3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
- ART. 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.
- ART. 5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while in session.
- ART. 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
- ART. 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.
- ART. 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
- ART. 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.
- ART. 10. On all motions made, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.
- ART. 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
- ART. 12. Any member transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the Moderator.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Article 1. We believe that there is one and only one living and true God who is in personality the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal and harmonious in every divine perfection.

There is one God and one mediator between God and man, the man Jesus Christ, who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time. —I. Timothy 2:5.

Art. 2. The Holy Scripture.—We believe that God is the author of the Holy Bible, and its teachings constitute the only infallible doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. —II. Timothy 3:16.

Art. 3. Original Apostasy.—We believe that Adam was created holy, but by voluntary transgression fell into depravity and consequently involved his posterity in sin.

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was pleasant to the eye, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and also gave to her husband with her, and he did eat.—Gen. 3:6.

Art. 4. Free Grace.—We believe that the grace of God comprehends all spiritual blessings; that the gospel is the power of God unto salvat-

ion; that the Holy Spirit not only reproves the world of sin, but is the means whereby sinners are converted and made wise unto salvation. For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.—Rom. 10:12.

Art. 5. Christian Faith.—We believe that Christian Faith is belief in Christ as the Son of God and redeemer of the world and in the divinity of the Holy Scripture, that faith comes by hearing and by the word of God.

He that believeth in the Son hath everlasting life, but he that believeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him.—John 3:36.

Art. 6.—Repentance.—We believe that repentance is sorrow for sin and the kind of sorrow which produces Godly repentance must be preceded by effectual conviction of sin.

Now I rejoice not that ye were made sorry, but that ye sorrowed to repentance, for ye were sorry after a Godly manner, that ye might receive damages by us in nothing. For Godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of, but the sorrow of the world worketh death.—II. Cor. 7:9-10.

Art. 7. Free Agency.—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the conditions of salvation as they are revealed in the Holy Scriptures.

He hath showed thee, O man, what is good, and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God.—Mich. 6:8.

Art. 8. Perseverance.—We do not believe, under the Gospel dispensation any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; but it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of the faith, turn again to sin and be lost.

And Jesus said unto him, No man having put his hands to the plough and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

Art. 9. Good Works.—We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not of necessity; that those who have faith will do works of righteousness, while those who have not faith, cannot do anything pleasing or acceptable to God.

Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire; wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them.—Matt. 7:19-20.

Art. 10. Christian Baptism.—We believe that the Christian Baptism is the immersion of a believer in water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost; that baptism cannot be scripturally administered without faith in the subject who receives it.

Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also shall walk in the newness of life.—Rom. 6:4.

Art. 11. The Lord's Supper.—We believe the supper was instituted by our Savior as a commemorative ordinance; that the bread and wine represents his body and blood; that it was instituted for Christians, and that all Christians should unite in service regardless of name or denominational distinction.

But let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup. For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.—I. Cor. 11:28-29.

Art. 12. Feet Washing.—We believe that washing the saints feet is a command of our Savior, and that his followers ought to practice the same.

If I your Lord and Master have washed your feet, ye ought also to wash one another's feet.—John 13:14.

Art. 13. The Gospel.—We believe it is the duty of all churches to support the Gospel.

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.—1. Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Free Will Baptist Faith. We now give ourselves to each other by the help of God.

2. We solemnly covenant before God that we will carefully observe the commandments implied in a confession of faith and in the spirit of meekness, rebuke and admonish those who have gone astray and watch over each other, being careful of each others reputation and our influence to the upbuilding of the church and for the advancement of the cause of Christ, endeavoring to seek the unity of the spirit in the bonds of peace, and to confess our faults one to another and to strengthen those that are weak.

3. We promise, by the help of God, that we will faithfully practice family and secret prayer, and to strive to cultivate the doctrine of God's revealed words in the minds of those under our care.

4. We also agree to use our influence for the support of the Gospel and to contribute liberally to aid the ministry according to our several abilities. Also we agree to be liberal with those that are afflicted and needy, and especially those of our own denomination.

5. We also agree to attend the monthly meetings regularly if not providentially hindered and submit to all ordinances implied in a profession of faith.

6. We also agree to abstain from all sinful and vain amusements.

7. We also agree to abstain from all intoxicating liquors and not use it as a beverage, nor to aid or assist in the manufacture of such or furnish it to others.

8. We also agree to encourage Home and Foreign Missions. Education, Sabbath Schools, good morals, and everything that is to the glory of God and to the welfare of men. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may be happily admitted into the kingdom of God, where we can ascribe honor unto the Lamb forever. Amen.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. The association shall be composed of delegates chosen and sent from each individual church.

Art. 2. The delegates chosen and sent shall be recommended in a letter from the church to which they belong, and shall include the minister and some of the most able members belonging to the church.

Art. 3. The association shall elect annually a Moderator and Clerk.

Art. 4. The Rules of Decorum shall be read immediately after the body is organized.

Art. 5. This association will encourage a sound ministry, such as present Christ as an all-sufficient Savior; having made salvation possible for every human being on the terms of the Gospel which is freely offered to all.

Art. 6. Any member in good standing, whether a delegate or not, may be invited to a seat and take part in the deliberations and have his name enrolled in our minutes.

Art. 7. The association may appoint such committees as may be necessary for the expedition of business, and every committee appointed to any particular business, shall report the proceedings in writing to the Association while in session, and all reports made by committee may be adopted or rejected by the body.

Art. 8. All queries regularly presented in the association by any church shall be attended to.

Art. 9. The association shall have a book in which shall be recorded an accurate account of all its proceedings.

Art. 10. Any church may become a member of the association, by making application by letter or delegate, and adopting our articles of faith and church covenant.

Art. 11. The association may withdraw from any church that becomes disorderly or refuses to be represented.

Art. 12. There shall be an associational fund for defraying expenses and changes that may accrue and for replenishing such, each church may contribute at pleasure.

Art. 13. There shall be a treasurer appointed by the association whose duty it shall be to have care and account for all money committed to his charge.

Art. 14. The association shall use the Free Will Baptist Treatise in full.

Art. 15. Each church shall be allowed one vote for every ten members or fraction thereof.

Art. 16. The association advises all its churches to commemorate the death and suffering of our Lord at least twice a year.

Art. 17. The association shall pay its clerk at least \$5.00 for his services at each annual meeting.

Art. 18. The association assumes no higher authority than an advisory council.