

MINUTES

of the

Seventy Seventh Annual Session

of the

**Toe River Free Will Baptist
ASSOCIATION**

SPRING CREEK CHURCH
In Mitchell County

September 16, 17, 18, 1926

OFFICERS

REV J. H. ARROWOOD, ----- *Moderator*

SIMEON JOHNSON ----- *Clerk*

The Next Session of the Association will be held with Pigeon
Roost Church, being in Mitchell County at Relief, N. C., be-
ginning on Thursday before the Third Sabbath in September, 1927
Rev. J. S. Arnett to preach the Introductory
Rev. Zeb Ledford, his Alternate

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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the Toe River Free Will Baptist Association met with Spring Creek Church, being in Mitchell County, N. C., September 16, 17, 18, 1926.. Song Service. Scripture reading by Rev. J. H. Arrowood. Prayer by James Deyton. The Introductory Sermon by Rev. T. H. McCoury. Text: Revelation, first and second chapter, On the Seven Churches, with a good Sermon to a very large crowd and well received by all present.

On motion adjourned until 2:30 to organize for transaction of business.

THURSDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment with Scripture reading, 20th chapter of St. Matthew, by T. C. Hicks. Prayer by L. H. Griffith. On motion passed to organized the association by enrolling names of ministers present and delegates of several churches.

MINISTERS—Revs. T. H. McCoury, J. H. Arrowood, T. C. Hicks, Dan Miller, J. M. Lewis, Roy Pitts, G. Hopson, David Campbell, S. C. Tolley, Marshall Setzer, J. M. Carpenter, L. H. Griffith, John Mason, Z. V. Renfrow, G. W. Brummitt, Albert Woody, James Arrowood, Sidney Deyton, James Deyton, D. M. Laughren, W. H. Clark, D. C. Tolley, Julius Hall, J. J. Hunter, W. J. Cook, D. C. Patrick, Avery Simmons, J. S. Arnett, John C. Street, Bob Miller, M. W. Adams, W. F. Taylor, Joe Honney-cutt, J. F. Davis, James D. Fair, Dodger Hoilman, Zeb Ledford, David Renfro.

CHURCHES CALLED AND DELEGATES ENROLLED:

Blowing Rock: Myrtle Williams, J. W. Williams; Morgan's Chapel: T. A. Arnett, J. A. Arnett; Snow Hill: R. P. Burnett, N. C. Hollifield, William Hollifield, George Lowery; Beans Creek: Sam Whitson, George Lowery; Forbes: W. M. Jarett; Roans Chapel: Clayton Fry, Cordia Campbell; Curtis Creek: Tom Pritchard; Clark's Chapel: Bob Willis; Pigeon Roost: Harrison Barnett, Dove Hughes, Harrison Hughes, James B. Ray; Lewis Chapel: G. M. Erwin, Hurb Young, Clyde McGee; Toe River: Kinsey Tipton, John Wilson, Nora Tipton; Henson's Creek, Bessie Woody; Cane Creek: Green Buchanan, Joe Stevenson, Tom Woody, Ethel Buchanan, Dessie Pitman; Miller's Chapel, Ed Bailey; Gap Creek: James Marton, B. G. Hider, H. Grindstaff; Brummett's Creek: Harrison Garland, D. C. Renfro, Lily Renfro; St. Paul: Not represented; Elk Mountain; A. T. Carpenter, George Daniels, James Shell; Carroll's Chapel: Bill Hill, James Hicks, Martha Hicks; Mount

Marion: Not represented; Little Elk: Ed McKinny, Frank Elliott; McCoury's Rock: Seth Griffith, Tennie Griffith; Green Mountain: Isaac Hopson, J. W. Laws, S. M. Bailey; Fork Mountain: Melvin Coles; Little Doe: Oscar Honneycutt, Henry Stevens, Simon Wise; Oak Hill: A. F. Cornett, Hatta Stephens; Clinchfield: J. M. Street, W. M. Street, Landon Webb; Dennis Cove: by letter; Mt. Pleasant: Not represented; Central Point: J. W. Lowe, J. S. Miller, N. C. Johnson, A. W. Calloway, Sister D. B. Street; Welcome: Not represented; Neva: Clyde Curry, Joe Morefield; Horseshoe Chapel: John Estep, Campbell Nave, Godfrey Nave; Berea: Spencer Barnett, Mose Barnett, G. L. Bennett; Spring Creek; S. G. Brinkley, W. M. Hill, Lerne Fry; Shell Creek: Not represented; St. John: Thomas Morgan, W. B. Hopson.

On motion to receive Brummitt's Creek Church back into this body and give her a hearty welcome.

On motion to receive Hazen Chapel from Jack Creek Association as one into this body. Delegates W. T. Williams, Jacen Edwards; Also Warick Chapel: Delegates, N. C. Bryant, O. L. Hughes, Violet Ward, Nancy Bryant.

On motion passed to the election of moderator and clerk, viz. Rev. J. H. Arrowood was elected Moderator and Simeon Johnson Association clerk.

On motion to adjourn until Friday morning, 8:30 a. m., for preaching by Rev. J. S. Arnett. Text: "I am the way, the truth and the life," well received by all with extra effect and power.

FRIDAY, 8:30 A. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Reading of the 19th Division of Psalms by Rev. T. C. Hicks. Prayer by Rev. T. H. McCoury.

On motion minutes of Thursday's session was read and adopted.

On motion called for the further enrollment of Ministers and delegates came in since enrollment was made.

On motion invitation for visiting brethren and delegates to a seat in this body and Rev. M. T. Ray, Rev. E. P. Blevins, messengers from Jack Creek association was seated and welcomed. On motion called for enrollment Deacons from several churches, viz: Toe River, K. Tipton, D. C. Griffith; Clinchfield Church, W. M. Street; Central Point: J. S. Miller; Blowing Rock: Thomas Simmons, Richard Oxendine; Little Doe Church; A. L. Cates, H. M. Street; Cane Creek: A. D. Pitman, Ervin Buchanan; Oak Hill: W. T. Stevens; Green Mountain: J. W. Laws, C. S. Bailey; Forbes Chapel: M. C. Bryant; Hazen Chapel: W. T. Williams; Spring

Creek: Wilson Street; Horse Shoe Chapel: T. W. Crow, R. C. Nave, John Estep.

On motion passed to hear reading of Decorum was read and all wishing to talk was asked to obey the rules of decorum.

On motion to appoint several committees, viz: Pulpit: Wilson Street, S. G. Brinkley, Clingman Ledford; Investigation: T. C. Hicks, Taylor Stevens, Zeb Ledford; Business: J. S. Arnett, G. Hopson, L. H. Griffith; Sabbath School: A. L. Cates, Bill Hill, Henry Stevens; Temperance: L. H. Griffith, T. H. McCoury, Zeb Ledford; Obituaries: Sampson Tolley, David Campbell, D. C. Patrick; Session: Bob Miller, Ed Arrowood, M. Coles; Finance: Kinsey Tipton, D. C. Renfro.

On motion passed hear reading of letters from several churches. Read and adopted.

On motion to appoint a special committee to settle grievances in churches: H. M. Street, George Jarrett, J. D. Fair, T. H. McCoury, James Dayton.

On motion to adjourn for preaching service by Brother J. D. Fair. A wonderful sermon was delivered and many souls made happy.

FRIDAY, 2:30 P. M.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Scripture reading 1st Div. Psalms by Rev. Davis. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Clark.

On motion hear minutes of morning session. Read and adopted.

On motion enroll pastors represented by letters: J. M. Lewis, John Coleman, Rev. Luther M. Walters and Rev. Aaron Honeycutt, came forward and was enrolled.

On motion for consideration on grievances in churches, the trouble in Friendship No. 2 at Neva, Tenn., was brought before the house. After many interesting talks were given it was ordered to table the above query until Saturday, 8:00 P. M.

On motion to adjourn for preaching service by Rev. Zeb Ledford on "The Childhood of Moses" an inspired sermon preached and well received with rejoicing in the spirit.

SATURDAY MORNING, 8:00 P. M.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Service opened by Rev. James Arrowood. On motion to hear reading of minutes of Friday afternoon session read and adopted.

On motion for Rev. D. C. Patrick to continue going and preach for the people at Neva, Tenn. On motion to carry the names of deceased ministers in minutes of this association. Then an offer

was made for the erection of a monument to Rev. John Wheeler's grave. Then a committee was appointed to attend to same. Rev. Zeb Ledford was appointed and collection was given to the amount of \$16.75, and donation to amount of \$8.00.

On motion this association appoint desponding delegates to nearby Free Will Baptist Association. Then Rev. J. D. Fair was appointed to Jack Creek Association; Rev. G. Hopson, Watauga Association; Rev. T. C. Hicks, French Broad Association; Rev. Zeb Ledford to Union Association.

On motion that each pastor bring before his churches to distribute liberty to the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Middlesex, North Carolina.

On motion that each pastor in each church act as financial committee and report to next quarterly conference to erect a monument at Rev. Nathaniel Honneycutt's grave—gone but not forgotten.

On motion reports of several committees were called for and received.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg to report that the last committee's report as is now on our minutes be our report and we ask our Pastors to encourage Sabbath Schools in all our churches.

A. L. Cates,
Henry Stevens,
W. M. Hill, Committee.

REPORT OF BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Received and adopted as follows:

We, your committee on Business, do advise our old Toe River Association to awaken to facts of the false doctrine that is preached to our people, and that no man preaches in our churches that will preach that there is no resurrection of the dead at the last day. Neither will we hold members that will hold to or argue such doctrine. Neither will Toe River Association endorse any man that will naturalize the scripture.

We further advise our people to awaken to their duties. We also advise our churches that have no title for their church property to get a title at once with the title registered. Then we will not allow any one to preach against the visible church.

Rev. G. Hopson,
Rev. L. H. Griffith,
Rev. J. S. Arnett, Committee

REPORT OF SPECIAL BUSINESS COMMITTEE

Received and adopted after some interesting talks as follows:

We your special committee on aggrievances of churches have found some grievances in Neva Church, Friendship No. 2 and after investigating we do instruct the officials who represent the majority of that church and that the majority rule and they make all spiritual purposes to agree and if this fails to satisfy then take such steps that is necessary to settle same.

H. M. Street,
Geo. Jarett,
J. D. Fair,
T. H. McCoury,
James Dayton, Committee

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Report on Temperance was received and adopted to wit:

We your committee on Temperance beg to make the following report as to Temperance: We advise total abstinence as the best method for our preachers and churches and further advise that we be temperate in all things even in religion, also in our conversations.

Rev. Zeb Ledford,
Rev. L. H. Griffith,
I. H. McCoury, Committee

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

Report on Obituaries received and adopted. We your committee on obituaries beg to report the following to-wit:

BRUMETT—Rev. G. W. Brumett, deceased April 6, 1926, lived a child of God about 40 years, leaves nine children and many friends and loved ones.

MARTIN—R. C. Martin, deceased about one year ago, belonged to the Free Will Baptist Church, 45 years, leaves 7 daughters to mourn her loss. Gone home to be with Jesus.

GRINDSTAFF—A. J. Grindstaff, deceased April 27, 1926, age 65 years, belonged to the church 35 years. Leaves a wife and seven children. Missed by his friends and loved ones.

BRYANT—Jasper Bryant, deceased February 20, 1926. Leaves a wife and one child. Belonged to the church four years.

WILSON—Our beloved brother, Rev. James Wilson, departed this life in 1926, left many friends to mourn his loss. Been a minister about fifty years, age 80. Gone but not forgotten.

MORGAN—Sister Eva Morgan departed this life September 1926. She had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church at Morgan's Chapel about 30 years. Her age was about 68 years.

She left many loved ones to mourn her loss. Was a friend to all and loved by all. Was a mother of Rev. W. S. Morgan.

HOLLIFIELD—Bro. E. B. Hollifield departed this life July 29, 1926, aged 56. He was a Deacon of the Free Will Baptist Church thirteen years. Leaves a wife and host of friends to mourn his loss. Fare Well friends, meet me over yonder.

COLE—Our beloved Sister Winsom Cole died September, 1926, age about 45 years. Member of the church ten years. Was missed by her friends.

BANKS—Sister May Banks, age 23 years, departed this life August 12, 1926. She has been a faithful member of Oak Hill Church five years. Left a father and mother, brother and sister and a host of friends. While it is our loss it is her heaven's gain.

GUY—Sister Ida Guy, departed May 16, 1926. Born Feb. 14, 1902, member of the church four years. Missed by all.

ORSBORN—Sister Frances Orsborn born March 30, 1909; Died February 4, 1926. Member of the Church four years, is now at rest.

PEARSON—Sister Jannie Pearson, born July 8, 1905; died Oct. 23, 1925. Member of the church. Gone to be with Jesus.

CAMPBELL—Rev. John Campbell departed this life Jan. 1925. He has been a faithful member of the Free Will Baptist Church for fifty years. Has been a minister of the gospel about forty years, and when the death angel came he could say as one of old, "I have kept the faith, I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, henceforth there is a crown laid up in heaven for me." He leaves wife, brother and sister to mourn his loss. Then in one year and two months his wife passed away August, 1926. They have gone from us here below to live with Jesus for evermore.

REPORT ON FINANCE COMMITTEE

Report on Finance Committee received and adopted to wit: We your committee on Finance beg to report that we received at this Association, \$48.24.

Kinsey Tipton,
D. C. Renfro, Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SESSION

Committee's report on session stood for the next association to go to church at Pigeon Roost, beginning on Thursday before the third Sabbath in September, 1927, 11:00 A. M. On motion Brother J. S. Arnett to preach the Introductory Sermon, Rev. Zeb Ledford his alternate.

On motion to adjourn for preaching by Rev. T. C. Hicks. A wonderful sermon was heard and great rejoicing took place.

MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

T. H. McCoury, Senia, N. C.
T. C. Hicks, Elk Park, N. C.
G. Hopson, Webb, N. C.
J. H. Arrowood, Relief, Route 1, Box 29, N. C.
Dan Miller, Relief, N. C.
J. M. Lewis, Newland, N. C.
D. C. Patrick, Johnson City, Tenn.
James Deyton, Day Book, N. C.
David Campbell, Buladean, N. C.
D. M. Laughren, Green Mountain, N. C.
J. M. Carpenter, Pyatte, N. C.
Albert Woody, Spear, N. C.
Clan Griffith, Day Book, N. C.
John C. Street, Webb, N. C.
Z. V. Renfro, Burnsville, N. C.
Marshal Setzer, Lenoir, N. C.
W. J. Cook, Elk Park, N. C.
Roy Pitts, Blowing Rock, N. C.
Zeb Ledford, Erwin, Tenn.
J. D. Fair, Elizabethton, Tenn.
Bob Miller, Unicoi, Tenn.
Dodger Hoilman, Chestnut Dale, N. C.
M. W. Adams, Pineola, N. C.
W. T. Taylor, Johnson City, Tenn.
Sidney Deyton, Limestone, Tenn.
J. F. Davis, Unicoi, Tenn.

The above was as near as we could get as some that moved did not given his new address.

Below we give a list of our deceased ministers, beginning with Moses Peterson, as founder, in 1849, John Wheeler his alternate.

Nathan Honneycutt, Moses Honneycutt, Gilbert Walley, Jackson Campbell, Willey Blevins, Bullman (first name not known), Woodward Ramsey, Garrett Ramsey, Samuel Arrowood, Spencer P. Barnett, John Arrowood, Jr., Israel P. Sorrels, Eli Inzer, Joseph Murphy, Lemuel Honneycutt, Lawson Morgan, John Arrowood, Sr., Hiram Rice, Peter Ball, Moses Seaton Nathaniel Bailey, George Brumett, W. M. Brumett, Sr., W. M. Brumett, Jr., John Campbell, Thomas Howell, David Atkins, Rickola Atkins, Allen Fender, Huskith, Uriah Bennett, Samuel Street, Stephen Street, Sr., Marion Woody, Henry Snodgrass, David Simerly, Sampson Cox, Aaron Cox, Jacob Burleson, Joseph Bivins, Julian Garland, Cosin Taylor, Gabriel Rice, W. M. Ray, Elijah Presnell, Moses Miller, David Tipton, Wiley Tipton, Wilson Young, Kicheon Elliott, Robert Moore,

Samuel Hensley, Benjamin Harrison, James Gassaway, Welzy Arrowood, James Wilson, John Honneycutt, George L. Beem, Wesley Miller, Samuel Adams, Nicholas Rankin, Alfred Andrews, W. M. Holdon, John Mason, Joseph Attery, Wheeler Melton, Reuben Stickton, John Pannell, Bob Free, John Mason, Sr.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 2:00 P. M.

On reading of tenth chapter of St. John by Brother J. S. Arnett, Prayer by Brother J. M. Deyton.

On motion retained Rev. J. H. Arrowood, Moderator and called Rev. T. C. Hicks, as Clerk for Ministers Conference.

On motion ministers names were read and passed on as good for as was known. The Rev. Bros. names was ordered to be put in the Ministers Roll in the Minutes with the rest.

J. M. Deyton, J. F. Davis, David Renfro, James D. Fair, Zeb Ledford.

On motion, it was ordered that the Credentials of Brothers J. H. Honeycutt, and J. F. Davis, be recopied as they had lost theirs.

On motion called for letters of Recommendation for Ordination and License to Preach and received letter of Recommendation from the Church at Green Mountain, asking for Ordination of Bro. D. M. Laughren and after examination was ordained.

On motion Brother Zeb Renfro was asked to preach for the Church at St. Paul.

On motion, next Ministers Conference is to convene with the Church of St. John, near Roan Mountain, Tenn., beginning on Thursday before the Third Sabbath in December, 1926, at 11 A. M.

On motion Rev. J. H. Arrowood, is to preach Introductory, L. H. Griffith, his alternate.

On motion Minutes of the previous conference approved.

On Motion adjourned until time and place, for preaching by Bro. J. M. Deyton, with good effect.

J. H. Arrowood, Moderator

T. C. Hicks, Clerk of Conference

Saturday night, and Sundays, Devotional Services were as follows: Saturday night, Bro. Willie Blevins, preached. Sunday night, 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. J. H. Arrowood. Splendid Sermon with good effect. Sunday Sermon by T. C. Hicks, which was highly received by many.

The Association was well attended with many preachers, and delegates, with old-time religion, with spirit and great power and much shouting and praising the Lord in all services.

Lets all pray for this kind and have more love in our hearts for each other and leave off the slang, and cruel and inhuman talk,

get more of God's love in our souls, for each other.

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.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. There shall be no conversation by the members one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.

Article 3. Every member wishing to speak, shall first rise to his feet and address the Moderator.

Article 4. No member shall interrupt another while speaking.

Article 5. We will admit no other title but that of brother while in session.

Article 6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.

Article 7. No member shall speak more than three times on one subject.

Article 8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the person who made it.

Article 9. No member shall absent himself from the body while in session without leave of the Moderator.

Article 10. On all motions made, when the vote of the body is taken, a majority shall prevail.

Article 11. The Moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.

Article 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.—1 Timothy 2:5.

Article 2. The Holy Scripture.—We believe that Gad 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.

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 7. Free Agency.—We believe that the human will is free, and that men have the ability to accept or reject the condition 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.

Article 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.

Article 9. Good Works.—We believe that good works are the result of faith, and not 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.

Article 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.

Article 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 in 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.

Article 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.—I Cor. 9:14.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having given ourselves to the Lord through Jesus Christ, we agree to adopt the Freewill 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 other's 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.

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.

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.

Article 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.

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

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

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

Article 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.

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

Article 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.

Article 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.

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

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

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

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

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