

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**Sixty-Eighth Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**Veron Free Will Baptist**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**Piney Grove F. W. B. Church**  
**OCTOBER 16-17-18, 1948**

**OFFICERS:**

REV. J. T. QUICK, Moderator .....R. 1, Beaverton, Ala.  
R. H. YERBY, Clerk .....R. 1, Covin, Ala.

The next session of this Association will be held with Union Chapel church, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1949. Rev. J. T. Quick to preach the Introductory sermon.

# PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Eighth annual session of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association convened with Piney Grove Church, Oct. 16, 17 and 1948. The house was called to order Saturday morning at 10:15 o'clock by Rev. T. J. Adair. Song services directed by Rev. Billie Glasgow and others. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts.

Devotional services were conducted by the Moderator, Rev. S. F. Lee. Following this devotional service Rev. T. J. Adair preached the introductory sermon, subject: "The Visible Church."

After this interesting and inspiring sermon, a song was conducted by Brother Verdo Dubose. Prayer by Rev. S. F. Lee. The congregation was dismissed one hour for dinner.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Song services conducted by Rev. Billie Glasgow. Prayer by Rev. E. W. Graves. The former moderator and clerk being present, the Association proceeded to transact the following business:

The Moderator called for the letters from the various churches and appointed Rev. E. W. Graves and Bro. Verdo Dubose as reading clerks to read these letters. The letters were read and the delegates listed. On motion the letters were received and the delegates seated.

Called for Petitionary letters, but none were presented. On motion Rev. A. L. Warren was received into the Vernon Association as an Ordained Minister, by letter of recommendation from the Jasper Association.

The Moderator called for Corresponding Delegates from sister Associations. The following were present: Jasper Association—Rev. and Mrs. H. A. Pitts, Rev. N. A. Patterson, Brother and Sister Franks; Moriah Association—Bro. Montgomery.

Moved and carried to enter into an election for officers for another year. The following were elected: Rev. J. T. Quick, Moderator. R. H. Yerby, Clerk.

On motion the Moderator was empowered to appoint all committees. He then appointed Bro. Troy Cole, Bro. J. T. Johnson, Jr., and Bro. Clinton May, with the deacons of Piney Grove church, as committee on arrangements and asked them to retire and make a partial report at once.

The Association recessed for a few minutes while the Moderator and Clerk appointed the following committees:

Documents and Order of Business: Rev. T. J. Adair, Rev. A. L. Warren, Rev. S. F. Lee, Bro. Hasting Guyton and Bro. Haley Wright with the Moderator and clerk.

Credentials—Bros. Hosea Dubose, Ralph Lee, Carlos Barnes, J. R. Williams and L. A. Crowder.

Sabbath Schools: Sisters Pearlie Mae Wallis, J. T. Johnson, Laura Crosley, Mary Ann Clearman and Bro. Ruff Gilliland.

Literature: Rev. E. W. Graves, Bros. Verdo Dubose, Howard Sorrels and Add Hankins.

Temperance: Rev. Billie Glasgow, Rev. B. T. Alexander, Bros. J. D. Shelnut and Frank Collins,

Queries and Resolutions: Bros. Houston Hamm, W. F. Clearman, H. E. McDonald and J. Y. Turner.

Finance: Bros. Mode Chafn, Jack Callen and Covin Finch.

Deceased Members: Bros. Lee Hankins, Willis Poore, Sisters Louise Hamm, Ellie Robertson, and Carrie Roberts.

The congregation reassembled in the house and sang a song, directed by Bro. Franks. Prayer by Rev. N. A. Patterson.

The Moderator called for report of committee on Arrangements. The committee made a partial report as follows:

We, your committee on Arrangements, recommend that Bro. H. E. McDonald conduct the devotional at 7:00 o'clock Saturday night and Rev. E. W. Graves preach at 7:30. Devotional Sunday morning by Bro. Jim Chaffin and preaching 3:30 a. m. by Rev. Billie Glasgow. Devotional at 10:45 by Bro. Verdo Dubose and preaching at 11:00 by Rev. J. H. Reno.

TROY COLE, Chairman.

On motion the report was received and committee retained for further services.

The visitors were assigned homes for the night. A move was made and carried to adjourn the business part of the Association until 8:00 o'clock Monday morning. Song by Bro. Franks, prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts.

### SATURDAY NIGHT

By 7:00 o'clock a large congregation had gathered at the church. After a short devotional service, Rev. E. W. Graves brought a very interesting and inspiring sermon which was enjoyed by all present.

### SUNDAY MORNING

In the absence of the Moderator, Rev. E. W. Graves took charge and called the house to order at 9:15 o'clock.

Songs by Bro. Montgomery. Prayers by Sister Alice Maddox and Rev. S. F. Lee. At 9:30 Rev. Billie Glasgow brought the morning message, reading Acts 4th chapter through verse 12. Text John 4:14-15.

Intermission 10 minutes. House called to order by Rev. Graves. Song directed by Bro. Roy Perkins. Devotional services by Bro. Verdo Dubose. At 11:00 o'clock, Rev. J. H. Reno brought the message, reading the first chapter of St. John. Text: Matt. 3:13, "Then cometh Jesus. Prayer by Rev. Vester Burkett. Dismissed one hour for dinner.

A 1:00 o'clock the house was called to order by the Assistant Mod-

erator. Song services conducted by Bro. Montgomery and Bro. Bill McDonald. Prayer by Rev. B. T. Alexander

The afternoon sermon was preached by Rev. Vester Burkett, subject: "Glorifying God."

Intermission 10 minutes

At 2:00 o'clock, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage at Eldridge, Ala., presented the children from the Orphan's Home with an interesting program. There are 22 children being cared for in this home at the present time, ranking in ages from 3 to 12 years

After this program Bro Ryland gave a lecture on the Orphan's Home, giving a brief history of the home from its beginning to the present time. An offering of \$63.45 was taken for the home. Song and prayer by Rev. J. T. Quick.

### MONDAY MORNING

The house was called to order by the Moderator Song directed by R. H. Yerby. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Quick The Moderator read a scripture lesson from the 4th chapter of St John

The Clerk called a roll of delegates and the Moderator announced a quorum present.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of Saturday's session was omitted.

Moved and carried to seat Rev. J. H. Reno as a corresponding delegate from the Jasper district.

The following delegates were seated: From Union Chapel, Bro. P. H. Woods; Mt. Harmony, Bro. and Sister O. C. Robertson and Sister D. G. Johnson.

The Moderator then called for reports of the various committees as follows:

Documents and Order of Business: We, your committee on Documents and Order of Business report as follows:

1. We recommend the former Order of Business..
2. We recommend that Rev. J. T. Quick preach the Introductory sermon at the next session of this Association, with Rev. S. F. Lee as his alternate.
3. We recommend that we have a memorial sermon at 9:30 o'clock on Sunday morning of each session of this Association honoring our deceased members.
4. We recommend that Rev. E. W. Graves be appointed as field worker for this Association for another year.
- 5 We recommend that the next session of this Association be held with Union Chapel church, beginning on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1949,
- 6 We recommend that we retain the former executive committee for another year with Bro. O. C. Robertson serving in place of Bro. J. M. Graham.



.....7 We recommend that the 8th section of our Articles of Faith be changed to read as the 8th Section in the Articles of Faith of the Jasper Association. Respectfully submitted,

T. J. ADAIR, Chairman.

The report was received and committee discharged. The report was adopted by sections.

On motion, Rev. and Sister C. H. Moyers were seated as delegates from the Progress Association of Missouri.

**CREDENTIALS**—We, your committee on Credentials, submit the following report: We find all the ministers in the Vernon Association in good standing with their respective churches and the Association.

RALPH LEE, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged. The report was adopted as read.

**ARRANGEMENTS**: We recommend that Rev. A. L. Warren preach at 11 a. m.

TROY COLE, Chairman.

The report was adopted and committee discharged.

On motion the business of the Association was adjourned until the afternoon.

Rev. C. H. Moyers came forward and gave a very interesting lecture on missions, after which a missionary offering of \$15.45 was taken. Song by Rev. Billie Glasgow. Prayer by Rev. Moyers.

Intermission 10 minutes. At 11 o'clock the congregation came back into the house. Song by Bro. Harrison Gosa. Rev. A. L. Warren then came forward and delivered a great message, using as his text Acts 10:34. Song by Bro. Roberts. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts.

Dismissed one hour for dinner.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Song by Bro. Emmett Lee. Prayer by Rev. Billie Glasgow.

On motion business of the Association was reopened.

Called for report of committee on Temperance:

We, your committee on Temperance, make the following report: After a prayerful study, we believe that intemperance is one of the greatest evils confronting us today. We recommend that our preachers, deacons and church members of the various churches abstain from all intemperance and live clean and sober lives.

W. D. GLASGOW, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged. Report adopted as read.

**QUERIES AND RESOLUTIONS**: We, your committee on Resolutions recommend that the body as a whole would go by the rules of the Association exactly, and start every service on time.

2. We, as Free Will Baptists, should try to do more for the orphanage and for Foreign missions.

3. We would like to change the Association to Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

4. Let us try to use our newly ordained ministers more.

5. Resolved that we give Finney Grove church and community a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality to this Association.

Houston Hamm, Chairman.

Report received and committee discharged. Report was adopted as read, except the third article, which was discarded.

LITERATURE: We, your committee on Literature recommend that our churches use the Free Will Baptist Literature, published at Ayden, N. C., in our Sunday Schools. Respectfully,

W. V. DUEBSE, Chairman.

The report was received and the committee discharged. Report adopted as read.

DECEASED MEMBERS: We, your committee on Deceased Members, make the following report: God has seen fit to call from our midst thirteen of our members as follows:

BELK—Bros. J. M. Otts and John D. Taylor.

SPRINGFIELD—Sister Phelia Pennington.

FAIRVIEW—Bro. Gail Dill.

FRIENDSHIP—Bro. John Atkins, Sister Jim Weathers and Sister Charles Jackson.

MT. HARMONY—Bros. G. C. Johnson, J. T. Johnson, J. M. Graham, I. B. Robertson and Sister Margaret Cash.

UNION CHAPEL—Sister Zoro Turner.

We feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

MRS. HOUSTON HAMM, Chairman.

Report received and adopted and the committee discharged.

After this report Rev. Billie Glasgow made a short memorial talk in memory of our deceased members.

FINANCE: We, your committee on finance, report as follows: We have collected from the various churches \$71 as minute funds and \$3.00 from Union Chapel church for State Association.

M. CHAFFIN, Chairman

Report received and adopted and the committee discharged. On motion the money collected was turned over to the Clerk.

SABBATH SCHOOLS: We, your committee on Sabbath Schools make the following report: We find all the churches of this Association have Sunday Schools. We believe that all of our teachers and officers should be members of the Free Will Baptist church, and consecrated Christians.

MRS. A. M. WALLACE, Chairman.

The report was received and committee discharged. The report was adopted as read.

The Moderator called for the Ministers' reports. The following were read and the Association voted to have them printed in the minutes.

#### MINNISTERS REPORTS

To the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association: Dear Brethren: I have pastored three churches: two in Vernon Association and one in the Jasper Association. I have attended five revivals, been in 97 services and have taken 15 members into the churches. I have attended seven funerals and prayed in a number of homes. Have been paid a salary of \$387.28 for my services. Respectfully submitted,

REV. S. F. LEE, Route 1, Guin, Ala..

To the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association: Owing to continued sickness in my family I have not had the opportunity to do very much field work in this association. I have preached 48 sermons, visited in 23 homes for prayer and received for my services \$23.00.

REV. M. A. POORE,  
Gun, Alabama, Oct. 15, 1948.

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus: It is with humbleness and heartfelt thanks that I submit the following report of my year's work. I have pastored two churches, one-fourth time each, preached 58 sermons, held two communion services, helped in one revival, baptized 36, received into the churches 39, traveled 1,000 miles at an expense of \$25.00. Received from my churches \$525.20. Total amount received \$625.85. Respectfully submitted,

J. T. QUICK.

For the past year, I have been in the evangelistic fields most of the time. I pastored one church, helped in six revivals, preached 104 sermons, with 76 conversions, and baptized 13. I traveled 4,500 miles and received \$325.00 for my year's work. All was done with great joy.

Respectfully,

REV. W. D. GLASGOW.

Vernon, Alabama.

It is with an humble heart I make this report. I have pastored full time, preached 148 sermons, prayed 155 public prayers, conducted six revivals, baptized 7, conducted 23 funerals and received for my pastoral work \$1010.15; for field work \$215.35. Total received \$1226.50.

Respectfully,

A. L. WARREN.

The Moderator called for new business. Moved and carried that the Clerk make out a form of letter to the Association and have it printed and pay for same out of the treasury of the Association.

On motion, Rev. M. A. Poore was granted a letter of recommendation from this Association.

Moved and carried that Rev. S. F. Lee and Rev. A. L. Warren be given new Ministerial Credentials, as theirs had gotten burned.

The Moderator appointed the following corresponding delegates to Sister Associations:

JASPER—Rev. Billie Glasgow, and Rev. B. T. Alexander.

MT. MORIAH—Rev. S. F. Lee and Bro. Verdo Dubose.

STATE LINE—Rev. J. T. Quick and Rev. A. L. Warren.

The Association voted to send the following delegates to the State Association and to send \$20.00 as Associational funds: Bros Clinton May, Troy Cole and J. Y. Turner.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with Union Chapel church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1949.

Song by the congregation while the parting hand was taken. Prayer

REV. J. T. QUICK, Moderator, Rt. 1, Beaverton,

R. H. YERBY, Clerk, Rt. 1, Covin, Ala.

#### NAMES OF DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. W. B. Taylor, Rev. Tom Butler, Rev. W. R. Truman, Rev. J. R. Robertson, Rev. W. D. McGee, Rev. J. R. Baker, Rev. W. B. Cowley, Rev. J. A. Brown, Rev. S. M. Perkins, Rev. T. G. Harrison, Rev. D. G. W. Hollis, Rev. J. W. Porter, Rev. T. M. Lollar, Rev. C. A. Chaffin, Rev. G. B. Taylor, Rev. J. A. Tate, Rev. E. A. Palmer, Rev. J. A. Isbell, Rev. W. T. Springfield.

#### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

REV. S. F. LEE .....	R. 1, Guin, Ala.
REV. B. T. ALEXANDER .....	Guin, Ala.
REV. M. E. CARPENTER .....	Vernon, Ala.
REV. E. W. GRAVES .....	Vernon, Ala.
REV. W. C. RAYBURN .....	Guin, Ala.
REV. BILLIE GLASGOW .....	Vernon, Ala.
REV. T. J. ADAIR .....	Vernon, Ala.
REV. J. T. QUICK .....	R. 1, Beaverton, Ala.
REV. J. J. BARNES .....	R. 1, Beaverton, Ala.
REV. A. L. WARREN .....	Vernon, Ala.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance from last year .....	\$ 29.60
Minute Funds .....	72.50
State Association Funds .....	5.00

TOTAL .....	\$107.12
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#### EXPENSES:

State Association .....	\$ 20.00
Printing Letter Forms .....	2.75
Printing Minutes .....	40.00
Moderator .....	10.00
Clerk .....	10.00

TOTAL .....	\$ 82.75
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Balance on hand .....	\$ 24.37
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**LIST OF DELEGATES**

BELK—Houston Ham, Louise Ham, Pearlie Mae Wallace.  
FAIRVIEW—Carrie Roberts, Willis Poore.  
FRIENDSHIP—Represented by letter.  
LIBERTY—Hasting Guyton, Hosea Dubose, Lee Hankins.  
MT. HARMONY—Junior Johnson, Mrs. J. T. Johnson, Ellie Robertson.  
MT. PLEASANT—Laura Crosley.  
MT. WILLING—Annie Warren, Clinton May, Ralph Lee.  
PINEY GROVE—Mode Chaffin, Troy Cole, Roof Gilliland.  
SPRINGFIELD—Add Hankins, Haley Wright.  
UNION CHAPEL—Mary Ann Clearman.  
TAYLOR SPRINGS—Carlos Barnes, Jack Callan, Myrtle Brown.  
VERNON—J. Y. Turner.

**PROGRAM FOR HOLDING ASSOCIATION**

1. The Association shall be called to order and presided over by the officers elected at the close of the last session.
2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing and the delegates present.
3. The Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by ballot immediately after the beginning of each session, by a majority of delegates present.
4. The names of delegates from different churches shall be enrolled and called as often as necessary during the session.
5. A majority of the delegates shall rule in all cases, except in the reception of churches, then it should be unanimous.
6. The Moderator shall not be entitled to vote, except in case of a tie and then he shall cast the deciding vote. He shall be entitled to speak on any question, after others have spoken, provided he appoint someone to the chair while he is speaking.
7. Only one person shall speak at a time and he shall rise and address the Moderator and after recognition by the Moderator shall proceed.
8. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he depart from the subject under discussion or use words of personal reflection.
9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject without the authority of the Association nor more than fifteen minutes.
10. No person shall laugh or talk during discussions.
11. No person shall absent himself from the Association without permission of the Moderator.

**STATISTICAL TABLE**

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Members Re'cd	Dismissed	Deceased	Total Members	No. in S. S.	No. in League	Paid Pastor	Pd. Evangelist	Pd. Orphanage	Home Missions	For'n Missions	Paid Christian Education	Paid Disabled Preachers	Minutemen Fund	Value Church Property
Belk.....	W. O. Knight.....	R. H. Yerby, Covin, Ala..	1	6	2	204	80	40	\$305.00	\$107.00	\$90.00					\$ 5.00	\$5000.00
Farview.....	S. F. Lee .....	Mrs. Lily Belle Roberts, Gu n, Ala	3	5	1	52	20		56.53	23.00						4.00	2000.00
Friendship.....	M. E. Carpenter	Mrs. J. O. Green, Sr., Steens Miss	6		3	106	23		186.15	65.37						1.50	2000.00
Liberty.....	B. T. Alexander	Lee J. Mixon, R. 2, Vernon, Ala.	8	4		184	65		705.00	133.00	41.26			32.00	54.00	5.00	3500.00
Mt. Harmony.....	A. L. Warren.....	O. C. Robertson, Vernon, Ala.	3	2	5	232	35		175.00	110.00	34.00	\$32.00	\$10.00				4000.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	Roy Barnes.....	Aubry Dees, Vernon, Ala..	2			75	25		55.00	50.00	12.00						2000.00
Mt. Willing.....	J. T. Quick.....	W. B. Vinson, Box 126, Guin, Ala.	21	2		248	30		306.15	115.00	88.94	22.50		30.35		8.50	1500.00
Piney Grove.....	J. T. Quick.....	J. R. Williams, R. 1, Guin, Ala.	15	4		153	64	29	219.05	55.00		25.00				8.00	1500.00
Springfield.....	C. R. Pucket.....	J. A. Harper, Vernon, Ala.	4	3	1	230	42	52	237.51	38.75						190.63	3000.00
Taylor Springs...	B. T. Alexander	Ora Brown, Beaverton, Ala.	2				15		34.76	19.27						5.00	1500.00
Union Chapel.....	A. L. Warren.....	F. M. Collins, R. 2, Vernon, Ala.	4	1	1	103	50		313.15	110.00	70.00	30.00	6.37	35.00	100.00	10.00	10 .
Vernon.....	A. L. Warren.....	Mrs. W. E. Robertson, Vernon, Ala	5	2		96	60	40	392.00	100.00	88.28	37.50	13.00		36.50	7.50	1500.00
TOTAL.....			64	20	13	1743	509	161	2975.30	929.39	424.48	47.00	29.37	97.35	190.50	72.50	51000.00

—No report on Ladies' Aid was given.

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**CONSTITUTION**

1. The Association shall be known as the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association of Alabama, being composed of ministers, deacons and delegates from different churches forming the same. All having full power to vote on all questions which come before the Association. Each church being entitled to three delegates in addition to ministers and deacons

2. This Body shall be considered an advisory council, having no authority over the internal affairs of the churches unless they depart from the Articles of Faith of this Association. This Association shall have authority over all ministers in the matter of doctrine, character, and etc. In case any minister in this Association depart from and teach doctrine not in keeping with the Articles of Faith of this Association the same shall be dealt with by the Association as it may seem proper according to the teachings of the Bible.

3. Each church of this Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs in matters of discipline, etc. If any brother feels impressed to preach the Gospel, the church shall or may recommend such Brother to the Association, and upon examination of the Brother's qualifications, if in judgment of the Body, the Brother would be useful, they shall confer ordination, same being done at the Association by a legal Presbytery.

4. All questions of doctrine and general interest shall be settled by a majority vote of the Association, and the decision shall be final.

5. The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen at each session by a majority vote.

6. The Association shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon at the previous session and shall not adjourn finally until all business matters are transacted.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt its Articles of Faith and conform to its usages.

8. We agree as churches of this Association to use our best influence to promote the interest of all moral and benevolent institutions, such as temperance cause, Sabbath Schools, Missionary work etc.

9. No member of this Association shall be eligible to serve as Moderator for more than two consecutive sessions unless no other member be competent to act in that capacity.

10. Any member of this Association who shall be guilty of circulating reports of any nature or aiding in the circulating of any report that is untrue on a brother minister, that is calculated to injure his moral reputation and religious influence, the same shall be dealt with by this Association. Any minister of this Association who is known to be guilty of using intoxicating spirits by drinking as beverage, which is calculated to destroy his influence and usefulness, the same shall be dealt with by this Association as it may deem proper, according to the teachings of the Bible.

11. The Association shall in all cases in the transaction of all business brought before it, be governed by a majority of all delegates present, and any church or delegate failing or refusing to do so is and shall be considered by the Association as being out of order. Each member is to be a party to the enforcement of same.

12. The Moderator and Clerk shall receive \$10.00 each for their services.

13. The Clerk shall superintend the printing of the minutes after each session of the Association.



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**ARTICLES OF FAITH**

1. We believe there is one true and living God, who is the ruler of Heaven and earth, self-existent Creator of all things, revealed under personal distinction of Father, Son and Holy Ghost equal in every divine perfection and existing in distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

2. We believe the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of instructions; that it has God for its author, truth for its matter and salvation for its end, that it reveals principles upon which God will judge the center of Christian unions, the supreme standards by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions will be tried.

3. We believe that man was created holy, under the law of his Maker, but from voluntary transgression, fell from that holy state, in consequence of which all mankind is now deprived and unable of his own free will and ability to recover from the fallen state which he is by nature.

4. We believe that God has not fixed the future state of mankind by an absolute and unconditional decree, but salvation is offered in the Gospel free to all, and if sinners are lost forever it will be their own fault.

5. We believe that Christ by His death and suffering made an atonement for the sins of mankind in general and every individual in particular who believes in Him can partake of the Divine benefit.

6. We believe that true faith cannot proceed from the exercise of our own free will, since man, in consequence of his natural corruption is incapable of thinking or doing anything spiritually good.

7. We believe in the general application of the grace of God to fallen men sufficiently to enable him, morally and actually to obey the requirement of the law of liberty (James 1:5), this the Act-saving Faith (John 1:9). However, none but those who believe in Christ will be saved thereby. (Acts 17:22; Romans 2:19; John 3:9).

8. We do not believe under the gospel dispensation that any soul is elected to eternal life unconditionally, but that those who by faith persevere to the end will be saved; that it is possible for men who have been converted to make shipwreck of faith, turn again to sin and be finally lost. Luke 9:52.

9. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of believers, associated by covenant in the fellowship of the Gospel observing the ordinance of Christ, governed by His law and exercising the gifts, rights and privileges invested in them by His word; that its only proper officers are bishops, pastors and deacons, whose qualifications and duties are defined in the epistles of Timothy and Titus.

10. We believe that Christian baptism is immersion in water in the name of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and that believers are the proper subjects.

11. We believe the Lord's Supper is a perpetual obligation by which members of the church are to commemorate together, in the form of bread and wine, the dying love of Christ, preceded always by solemn self-examination.

12. We believe in open and free communion, and the churches of our body are authorized, through their pastors, to invite all Christians of orthodox churches, who are in good standing in their respective churches, to commune with us at the Lord's table.



13. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment; that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal, upon the principles of grace and justice.

14. Concerning the washing of the Saint's feet as a Gospel ordinance, each member shall have the right to participate in such ordinance, as he can best answer his own conscience to God without criticism on the part of anyone.