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PROCEEDINGS

Of The Seventy First Session Of The Vernon Free Will Baptist Association Held With Fairview Church In October, 1951

On Saturday morning a goodly congregation having assembled the session was formerly opened by song and prayer.

In the absence of the moderator and assistant Rev. B. T. Alexander took charge. After some timely remarks he called Rev. Frank Collins to lead the prayer. Bro. S. Woods led in song. A special prayer for our country was led by Rev. M. L. Hollis of Amory, Miss.

At the 11 o'clock hour Rev. E. W. Graves having been appointed to deliver the introductory sermon took the stand and brought his message from 1st Peter 3:15.

The noon hour was greatly enjoyed by a good crowd around the long well filled table.

SATURDAY P. M.

Bro. Robert Gosa led in song. Rev. H. A. Pitts led the prayer, the assistant moderator declared the session in order and open for business.

Bro. W. H. Clearman and R. H. Yerby were appointed reading clerks.

The letters were called for and the following named churches responded and listed their delegates.

BELK: Bro. and Sister Larry Williams and Bro. Jessie Overton.

FAIRVIEW: Bros. Covin Finch, H. H. Dill, and D. W. Dill.

FRIENDSHIP: By letter only.

LIBERTY: Bro. Monroe Perkins, Sister Roy Perkins and Addie Dubose

MT. HARMONY: Bro. and Sister Daniel Johnson and Bro. Bob McReynolds.

MT. PLEASANT: Sister Minnie Adair.

MT. WILLING: Bros. Leonard McDonald, Clay Reece and R. M. Gosa.

PINEY GROVE: Bro. Sanders Woods, Sisters: Hottie Chaffin and Thelma Gosa.

SPRINGFIELD: Bro. Kelcy Jordan, C. G. Hollis and Sister Bener Langley.

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Bro. Howard Sorrells.

UNION CHAPEL: Bro. Earnest Haynes, Sisters E. W. Graves and Alice Maddox.

Vernon: Bros. Ross Gunnells, A. J. Wilson and Walter Fields.

BEAVERTON: Sisters Annie Bell Roberts, Naowi Cotton

and Jimmie Nell Frye.

Motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates.

Motion carried to seat Rev. M. L. Hollis and Bro. G. J. Robertson from Northeast Mississippi. Rev. H. A. Pitts and P. P. Barnes of Jasper Association with Rev. Franks as corresponding delegates.

The election of officers resulted in the election of Rev. T. J. Adair as moderator and E. W. Graves as clerk, with Rev. S. F. Lee assistant moderator.

Motion carried to empower the moderator to appoint all committees.

The following committees were appointed: Committee of Arrangements, Harrison Gosa, Covin Finch, Dempsey Langley with the deacons of Fairview church.

Document and Order of Business: Revs. S. F. Lee, Gurley Roberts, William Glasgow, B. T. Alexander and Bros. Lloyd Turner, G. W. Chaffin, Bob McReynolds, Sanders Woods with Moderator and Clerk.

Sabbath Schools: Sisters Bener Langley E. W. Graves, Larry Williams, Minnie Adair, Alice Maddox, Daniel Johnson and Bros. A. J. Wilson and L. C. McDonald.

Literature: Bros. D. G. Jordan, Pascal Yerby, J. W. Garrison, Willard Bannister, W. H. Clearman, H. H. Dill and Kelcy Jordan.

Querries and Resolutions: Revs. Robert Collins, Frank Collins, and Howard Sorrells and Bros. Larry Williams, Clay Reece, Ross Gunnells, and Monroe Perkins.

Deceased Members: Sisters Roy Perkins, Hattie Mae Chaffin, Thelma Gosa, Annie Belle Roberts, Jimmie Nell Frye, Naomi Cotton and Bros. Robert Gosa and J. D. Shelnut.

Temperance: Bros. Jessie Overton, Alvada Markham, Charley Hollis, J. L. McNease and Clay Reece.

Finance: Bros. Emmett Lee, C. E. Roberts, D. W. Dill, Earnest Haynes and L. C. McDonald.

While the Moderator was absent working on the committees Rev. H. A. Pitts, Alabama's representative for the National Mission Board spoke to the congregation in interest of Missions. An offering of \$24.46 was given to this cause.

Rev. P. P. Barnes delivered a fine sermonette.

The Committee of Arrangements reported that Rev. T. J. Adair would preach Saturday night.

Assignment to homes were made and all business was adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday morning.

SATURDAY NIGHT

A small congregation assembled at the church after a fine song service. Rev. Adair delivered a fine message from

his text Rev. :110.

SUNDAY A. M.

At 9 o'clock the house was called to order by the Moderator Bro. C. E. Roberts led the hymn. Sister J. A. Cole offered prayer.

Rev. Frank Collins delivered a very inspiring memorial message. Text Ps. 126:6.

Rev. B. T. Alexander, who was to deliver the 11 o'clock message was called away to a funeral, so Rev. Adair substituted for him. He used 1st Tim. 5:8.

Rev. S. F. Lee gave a short message on the Lord's Supper, after which a large congregation took part in this memorial service.

The noon hour was a real treat for the large congregation.

At 1:30 o'clock the house was again called to order, after song and prayer Rev. Roy Barnes from State Line Association delivered the evening message, using for his text 1st John 3:2-3.

After a brief song service the congregation voted not to have night service so it was adjourned until 8 o'clock Monday A. M.

MONDAY A. M.

After appropriate devotional service a motion carried to reopen the Association for business.

Motion carried to omit reading of minutes of Saturday's proceedings.

After roll call the Moderator declared a quorum was present.

Motion carried to seat Bors. Sorrells, R. W. Maddox and Walter Fields and Sisters Addie Dubose and Lucile Chaffin as delegates to replace absent delegates from their respective churches. A recess was given to allow the committee to make reports.

Revs. L. Q. Larwood and J. M. Cobb were seated as visiting ministers.

The Document and Order of Business Report:

We, your committee on Busnesse beg leave to report as follows:

1. We recommend the former Order of Business.
2. We recommend that Rev. S. F. Lee preach the introductory message at the next session and that Rev. B. T. Alexander be his alternate.
3. That Rev. S. F. Lee be elected Associational Evangelist for another year.
4. That the next session of the Association meet with Mt. Willing church.
5. That W. S. Woods be appointed to the Credential committee.

6. That the Credential committee be empowered to elect its own chairman.

8. That the Clerk be paid \$15 for his services and the Moderator \$10 and the assistant Moderator \$5.

9. That this Association start a fund to care for its aged and disabled preachers.

10. That the Credential committee have control of this fund as to how it shall be raised and disbursed.

11. That the Clerk have 500 minutes printed.

Respectfully submitted,

S. F. Lee, Chairman.

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

Other committees reported in this order: Sunday School; Literature, and Queries and Resolutions.

Business was adjourned for Rev. J. M. Cobb to deliver the 11 o'clock message and to present the cause of the Children's Home. An offering of \$37 was given.

The noon hour surely an enjoyable affair.

MONDAY P. M.

Sang led by Bro. D. G. Jordan, prayer by Rev. L. Q. Larwood.

The Credential Deceased Members, Temperance and Finance Committees reported. Their reports were received and accepted. Revs. B. T. Alexander, Gurly Roberts and S. F. Lee were appointed as an examining committee to examine and ordain Bro. Howard Sorrells if found worthy.

The following delegates were appointed: To State Association, Bros. Robert Gosa, Kelcy Jordan and W. M. Fields.

To Jasper: Revs. Robert Collins and W. D. Glasgow.

To Mt. Morriah: Revs. T. J. Adair, and Gurley Roberts.

To State Line: Revs. E. W. Graves and A. L. Warren.

Rev. Frank Collins was elected as Sunday School Evangelist for the coming year.

The examining committee reported favorably on Bro. Sorrells and proceeded to ordain him. Rev. Lee gave the charge. Bro. Alexander led the prayer. Everyone gave him hand of encouragement.

Rev. Larwood was reinstated into the Association. His name and Bro. Sorrells were to be added to list of ordained ministers.

Having finished all work to come before the Association a motion carried to adjourn to meet with Mt. Willing Church for the next session.

The parting hand was given. Benediction by the moderator.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on Credentials make the following report:

I. After careful investigation we find that all the ministers and deacons of the Vernon Association are in good standing except one deacon in Vernon church and one in Taylor Springs.

II. We recommend Bro. A. J. Wilson be restored to his deaconship of Vernon church.

III. We recommend an ordaining council be appointed to examine Bro. Howard Sorrells and ordain him if found worthy.

IV. We also ask that this council to examine Rev. L. Q. Larwood and if found bound in the faith to recommend he be reinstated into the Vernon Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Harrison Gosa, Chairman.

Report received and adopted and committee retained.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We your committee on Temperance make the following report:

After a careful study we are made to believe the temperance thought is one of the greatest thoughts known to mankind. If we disobey the law of God by getting in an intemperate attitude we bring upon ourselves condemnation because God expects His children to exercise self control in all things.

We should all join together in helping each other to be more temperate because the things that God has given to mankind as a blessing can be used so that it will be a curse instead of a blessing.

We recommend that our preachers, deacons and members of the various churches abstain from intemperance and live clean and sober lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Jessie Overton, Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We your committee on Sunday School wish to make the following report:

We have examined the reports from all the churches and find that only 10 have Sunday Schools with a total membership of 555.

We believe a good Sunday School is a very valuable asset to any church and community and that it is the most fertile field for evangelism in the church.

We recommend that our pastors be pastors of our Sunday

School too, and that they give more time and effort to cultivate the church school.

We suggest every effort be made to employ only christian teachers. We call upon the pastors of the churches that have no school to do their best to organize and promote a school in time.

We recommend that each church represent in our Sunday School Convention convene with Vernon on 2nd 5th Sunday in 1952.

We recommend a place be made in our church letters to show the amount of funds raised in the Sunday School, so our school may have the credit due. We believe this will increase interest and attendance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Bener Langley, Chairman.

Reportd received and adopted.

DECEASED MEMBER REPORT

We your committe on deceased members make the following report: God has seen fit to call from our midst 17 of our brothers and sisters in Christ. From Belk: Bro. Henry Otts. Bro, Mart Johnson, Sister Lizzie Moore; Vernon: Bro. Will Edgeworth; Mt. Willing, Bro. J. E. Chaffin, Sister Murray Trimm; Springfield: Bros. Bill Brown and Abner Hollis, Sisters Biddie Gilmore, Della Jackson and Laura Pennington; Mt. Harmony: Sisters Sara Lou Stenbridge and Kate Rickman; Mt. Pleasant: Bro. Charles Adair; Liberty: Bro. Jim Guyton; Piney Grove: Bro. J. R. Williams; Friendship: Sister J. A. Robertson.

We believe our loss is Heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Roy Perkins, Chairman.

LITERATURE REPORT

We your committee on Literature make this report:

We recommend that our churches in the Vernon Association use the quarterlies printed at Ayden, N. C., by the Free Will Press.

We urge all who are followers of Christ teach our children to make it a practice to read good and wholesome literature that bears a religious and moral influence.

We recommend further that our people subscribe to the Alabama Free Will Baptist printed at Eldridge, Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

D. G. Jordan, Chairman.

Report received and adopted.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Deceased	Total Members	No. in S. S.	No. in League	No. in Auxiliary	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelists	Paid Orphanage	Paid Home Missions	Paid Foreign Missions	Paid Christian Education	Paid Disabled Preachers	Minute Funds	Paid For Improvement	Total Paid Out	Value Church Property	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Ministers
Belk	Charles Craddock	R. H. Yerby Covin, Ala.	1	3	3	199	94			\$ 389.37	\$140.00	\$ 93.59	\$ 8.50				\$10.00	\$1,099.66	\$1,741.12	\$14,000		1
Fairview	Gurley Roberts	Mrs. Lily Belle Roberts Guin, Ala.		1		56	44			142.61	15.00	15.00	16.45				5.00	90.58	268.19	2,000		1
Friendship	Linwood Fields	Mrs. W. E. Ford Steens, Miss.			1	108	40			238.41	59.65	2.00	6.00				2.00	5.00	311.06	1,000		
Liberty	L. V. Collier	Joseph E. Collins Vernon, Ala.	1	2	1	207	78	40		636.35		30.00	65.10		134.76		5.00	20.95	892.16	3,000		1
Mt. Harmony	M. H. Hollis	A. C. Robertson Vernon, Ala.	1	5	2	219	30			256.00	92.00		45.00	20.00			10.00	40.00	463.00	4,000		
Mt. Pleasant	Roy Barnes	Johnny B. Barnes Birmingham, Ala.		3	1	71	16			142.56	29.00						5.50	23.00	202.02	2,000		1
Mt. Willing	Gurley Roberts	R. M. Gosa Guin, Ala.	1	6	2	208				160.77	76.00	60.36	11.75			7.50	8.00		348.66	2,000		
Piney Grove	Gurley Roberts	J. M. Chaffin Guin, Ala.	1	5	1	159	60			117.12	64.50	11.10	9.38				8.00		210.10	2,500		2
Springfield	J. L. Lavender	J. A. Harper Vernon, Ala.	2	5	5	278	48	40		227.92	188.77	159.55	20.02				10.00	479.84	1,042.11	6,000		1
Taylor Springs	B. T. Alexander	J. J. Barnes Beaverton, Ala.		8		43				65.21	9.00		2.70				6.00		83.20	1,000		3
Union Chapel	A. L. Warren	James E. Maddox Vernon, Ala.		4		112	50			422.60	103.00	168.65	9.76	20.00	40.00		7.50		771.41	6,000		1
Vernon	A. L. Warren	Mrs. Earl Robertson Vernon, Ala.	10		1	120	95	45	12	635.00	85.00	183.65	75.00	20.00			10.00	60.05	1,212.95	15,000		1
Beaverton	Gurley Roberts	Mrs. Naomi Cotton Guin, Ala., Rt. 1	8			16				65.78	22.15		13.34				8.00	950.40	1,059.67	2,000		1
Total			25	42	17	1796	555	125	12	\$3,299.70	\$884.07	\$723.90	\$283.00	\$60.00	\$174.76	\$ 7.50	\$95.00	\$2,769.48	\$8,605.65	\$59,500		13

FINANCE REPORT

We your committee on Finance beg leave to report as follows: After collecting the minute funds from the various churches we have collected \$95 and \$13 from 5th Sunday meetings. Total \$108.

Respectfully submitted,
Emmett Lee. Chairman.

SECRETARY-TREASURER REPORT

Balance	\$ 8.89
Minute Funds and Offering	112.11
From Auxiliary	9.00
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Total received	\$120.00
Paid Out:	
State Fee	\$ 20.00
Minutes	65.00
Moderator and Clerk	20.00
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Paid out	\$105.00
\$120.00 less \$105.00. \$15.00 in treasury.	

E. W. Graves, Tresurer.

QUERRIES AND RESOLUTION REPORT

We your committee on Querries and Resolution reports as follows:

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks to Fairview church and community for their hospitality shown us during our stay among them.

We recommend our preachers as well as members visit the sick more often and to pray for them as well as helping them financially more in the future than in the past.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Collins, Chairman.

PROCEEDINGS OF 5TH SUNDAY MEETING

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Vernon Free Will Baptist Association at Piney Grove, called to order by Moderator. Service opened with song by Bro. Elvadia Markham.

A very able prayer by Rev. B. T. Alexander. Scripture lesson by Moderator Romans 12. Lecture on Sunday School by Moderator. Eleven o'clock hour was filled by Rev. J. J. Barnes, Cor: 12:21.

NOON

Service opened by song by Bro. W. S. Woods, prayer by

Rev. Alexander. Song by Bro. R. M. Gosa. By requests of Moderator all the young ministers use as their subjects, Love.

1. Bro. Robert Collins, St. John 15:9-14.
2. Bro. B. T. Alexander, Luke 6:34.
3. Bro. Girlie Roberts, John 3:16.

Intermission.

Sermon by Bro. Johnson, John 15:13.

Special songs by Mary Ann and Nellie Kate Clearman, also by Collette.

BUSINESS SESSION

Delegates from various churches were as follows:

BELK: Rev and Sister Robert Collins.

FAIRVIEW: Sister Roberts, Bro. Covin Finch.

FRIENDSHIP.

LIBERTY: Rev. Glasgow.

MT. HARMONY.

MT. PLEASANT.

MT. WILLING: Bro. Garrison and Bro. Garvin Chaffin.

PINEY GROVE: Bros. T. R. Gilliland and Orlander Shelnut.

SPRINGFIELD: Rev. and Sister O. Z. Johnson.

TAYLOR SPRINGS: Revs. Barnes, Alexander and Sorrells.

UNION CHAPEL: Sisters Mary and Nellie Kate Clearman.

VERNON: Bros. E. M. Fields, Turner and Sister Carpenter

BEAVERTON: Bro. and Sister Cotton.

EASTSIDE.

Collection taken for printing minutes was \$10.00. Previous was \$2.91, total \$12.91

Motion carried to elect officers for the coming year: Rev. Girlie Roberts as Moderator, W. S. Woods as Clerk.

The next meeting will be held at Union Chapel.

W. S. Woods, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF VERNON AUXILIARY

Meeting held with Liberty church. Song by E. W. Graves, prayer by Rev. T. J. Adair. Moderator R. H. Yerby and Rev. A. L. Warren made some fine and appropriate remarks at the beginning of the day's service.

The following churches, represented with programs to be rendered: Liberty, Vernon, Union Chapel, and Springfield.

Motion carried to discontinue the awarding of banners for the best programs.

Vernon presented the first program of the day. An interesting program of poems, story of Joseph and a short play.

Union Chapel presented a dramatization of 10 virgins.

A real feast was enjoyed by all present at the noon hour.

EVENING

Song by N. K. Jenkins, prayer by Rev. Adair.

Springfield presented a fine play "A Good Soldier" for their program.

Liberty presented their program "Solving a Sunday School Puzzle."

Everyone enjoyed these fine programs.

An offering of \$31.20 was given to the Children's Home.

BUSINESS SESSION

Vernon was chosen as the next meeting place.

Bro. N. K. Jenkins was elected Moderator, Bro. R. H. Yerby Assistant Moderator, E. W. Graves elected Clerk.

Minute funds collected amounted to \$5.00.

Delegates to State Convention: R. H. Yerby, L. G. Jordan, W. H. Clearman. This convention is to be held in June at Dothan, Alabama.

Motion carried to adjourn to meet at Vernon on the 2nd 5th Sunday in 1952. Benediction, Rev. Robert Collins.

N. K. Jenkins, Moderator.

E. W. Graves Clerk.

NAMES OF DECEASED MEMBERS

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. A. J. 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, Rev. M. E. Carpenter.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PRESENT MINISTERS

REV. S. F. LEE	Rt. 1, Guin, Ala.
REV. B. T. ALEXANDER	Guin, 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. J. BARNES	Rt. 1, Beaverton, Ala.
REV. A. L. WARREN	Vernon, Ala.
REV. ROBERT COLLINS	Kennedy, Ala.
REV. O. Z. JOHNSON	Vernon, Ala.
REV. GURLEY ROBERTS	Guin, Ala.
REV. FRANK COLLINS	Guin, Ala.
REV. HOWARD SORRELLS	Beaverton, Ala.
REV. L. Q. LARWOOD	Belk, Ala.

PROGRAM FOR HOLDING ASSOCIATION

1. The Association shall be called to order and presided over by the officers elected at the last session.
2. The Association shall be opened and closed with singing of 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.

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 matters 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 teaching 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 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.

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 believe 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 applicant 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 9:62.

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 epistle 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.