

# West Florida Liberty Association

OF

## Free Will Baptist 1994 Minutes

#### WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION 1994-1995 Officers and Board Members

OFFICERS Moderator Assistant Moderator Clerk/Treasurer Assistant Clerk/Treasurer	. Rev. David Williford . Mrs. Beverly Skiles
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  Rev. Frank Willis	
BOARD OF TRUSTEES Mr. Archie Cook	
YOUTH BOARD Mr. Sammy Hayes1995 Rev. Orville Whitacre1996 Rev. Jeff Skiles1997	
CAMP BOARD Mr. Donnie Russell1995 Mr. Sammy Hayes1996	
MISSION BOARD Mr. Ernest Owen1995 Rev. Jeff Skiles1996 Rev. Wayne Hartzog1997	
ORDAINING COUNCIL  Rev. Randy Hill	
STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE Rev. David Williford	
Education/Library Committee	Owen, Sharon Cooper, Marie George
	Henderson, Rev. David Hidle

#### CHURCHES/PASTORS 1994 - 1995

#### **CHURCH**

Abigail FWB Church P. O. Box 927 Vernon, FL 32462

First FWB Church of Chipley 609 S. Blvd. West Chipley, FL 32428 638-0598

First FWB Church of Panama City 305 Airport Drive Panama City, FL 32405 785-0302

Piney Grove FWB Church Rt. 5, Box 312 Chipley, FL 32428 638-7064

Pleasant Hill FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 819 Bonifay, FL 32425

St. Johns FWB Church Rt. 1, Box 1140 Bonifay, FL 32425 547-3337

#### OTHER MINISTERS

Rev. Wayne Hartzog Rt. 7, Box 312 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-0706

Rev. Frank Willis 3067 Main Street Vernon, FL 32462-9705 904-535-2894

Rev. John Holland Rt. 4, Box 17 Bonifay, FL 32425 904-547-3082

#### **PASTOR**

Rev. John Meredith 195 Oak Street Slocomb, AL 36375 205-677-7638

Rev. David Williford 705 W. Forest Avenue Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-0046

Rev. Jeff Skiles 2306 W. 21st Street Panama City, FL 32405 904-763-2321

Rev. Randy Hill Rt. 5, Box 388 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-1904

Rev. Kevin Flannagin Rt. 1, Box 819 Bonifay, FL 32425 904-535-2851

Rev. David Hidle P.O. Box 958 Slocomb, AL 36375 205-886-3477

#### CLERKS

#### DEACONS

#### Abigail FWB Church

NONE

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First FWB Church of Chipley

Jimmie Lou Russell	Ernest Owen	Thomas Porter	Ed Sweigart
606 W. Jackson Avenue	Rt. 5, Box 302	Rt. 2, Box 629	588 Quintara Ct.
Chipley, FL 32428	Chipley, FL	Blountstown, FL	Sunny Hills, FL
638-1728	638-1472 32428	674-4228 32424	773-2150 32428

First FWB Church of Panama City

Pam Taylor 305 Airport Road Panama City, FL 32405 785-0302			8137 Cluster Road P.C., FL 32404 872-8681
Piney Grove FWB Church Myra D. Henderson	Lavon Crawford	Houston Toole	Ralph Toole
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Rt. 5, Box 382 Chipley, FL 32428 638-1193

Bonifay, FL

Rt. 1, Box 496

Howard McAdams

Rt. 5, Box 446 Chipley, FL

Rt. 5, Box 305 Chipley, FL 32428

James Roney

638-0674 32428 638-1119 638-0015 32425

Ross Pippin

Pleasant Hill FWB Church

Gearldine Burch	Aron Burch	L.D. Helms	Sammy Hayes
Rt. 1, Box 775	Rt. 1, Box 742	Rt. 1, Box 797	Rt. 1, Box 755
Bonifay, FL 32425	Bonifay, FL 32425	Bonifay, FL	Bonifay, FL 32425
535-1010	535-2135	535-2078	535-4259

St. Johns FWB Church

Vera Locke	Jack Hewett	Ray Garrett
504 Montana Street	Rt. 1	Rt. 1
Bonifay, FL 32425	Bonifay, FL	Bonifay, FL 32425
547-2654	547-4943	547-3809

#### LIBERTY ASSOCIATION CLERK

Beverly Skiles 2306 W. 21st St. Panama City, FL 32405 904-763-2321

#### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

#### January 7, 1994 Piney Grove FWB Church

The meeting opened with congregational singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Donnie Russell led in prayer.

Moderator Randy Hill led in prayer for special prayer requests from the congregation.

An offering of \$53.55 was received.

The Piney Grove choir presented special music "The Next Time He Comes."

Bro. Hill read excerpts from a letter from Dennis Owen about the work in Uruguay and the financial and spiritual needs. Rev. David Williford led in a special prayer for these needs.

Rev. Kevin Flannagin, pastor of the Pleasant Hill FWB Church, brought the evening message from Mark 8, Daniel 3, and Luke 15. He stressed the need to trust God with our whole lives because He is able to deliver us. Also, we do not need to waste our lives and need to be faithful because that is what God is looking for.

The meeting dismissed in prayer.

Refreshments were served by the host church.

Beverly K. Hartzog Clerk

#### BUSINESS MEETING

April 9, 1994
Pleasant Hill FWB Church

The meeting opened with congregational singing "I'll Fly Away." Rev. John Holland opened the meeting with prayer.

Moderator Randy Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting.

After roll call of delegates, MS&C to seat the delegates.

The minutes of the October 1993 annual meeting and the January 1994 fellowship meeting were approved as read.

The six-month treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

The following "Proposed Resolution" was presented to the Association as a recommendation from the Liberty Executive Board to leave the Florida State Association in a central location rather than move it back to different churches each year:

#### PROPOSED RESOLUTION

Whereas, some Florida Free Will Baptists have petitioned the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists requesting the State Association be returned to the local church, and

Whereas, the West Florida Liberty Association has received such notification, and

Whereas, we believe there are many advantages to maintaining the State Association in a convention setting, namely:

- 1. The Ocala Hilton is centrally located to  $\underline{\text{all}}$  Florida Free Will Baptists;
- 2. The Ocala Hilton provides superior facilities to accommodate all meetings; and
- 3. The Ocala Hilton provides a neutral setting and ample space for youth competition, giving no one group the "home-turf" advantage;

Therefore, be it resolved that we the West Florida Liberty Association recommend that the Florida State Association Meeting remain in the Ocala Hilton or in a similar centrally located convention setting.

Be it further resolved that this resolution be sent to the clerk of the Florida State Association.

Rev. Jeff Skiles served as Moderator during the discussion.
Rev. Randy Hill moved to adopt this resolution. The motion was seconded. Pros and cons of the Florida State Association meeting remaining in a central convention center rather than local churches was discussed. The motion failed to pass by a vote of 11 against and 7 for the motion.

An update on the progress of the work at Camp Mt. Pleasant was given by Rev. Kevin Flannagin.

Ernest Owen reported on the needs of Free Will Baptist Bible College and encouraged the churches to remember that ministry in their giving.

The FWB Bible College has an external studies program. Sammy Hayes was recognized as the first from our association to enroll in this program. Sammy Hayes and the Board of Trustees, Jim Roney, Archie Cook, and Ralph Tooie, came before the Association to sign a Promissory Note. The Association loans tuition and book expenses to enrollees in this program.

Etha Mae Owen and Archie Cook will serve as delegates to the Florida State Association May 4-6, 1994, in Ocala, FL.

MS&C to adjourn the business meeting. Donnie Russell led in prayer.

The morning worship service began with congregational singing. Wayne Hartzog led in prayer.

Moderator Randy Hill reported the Presbytery had met with Rev. Kevin Flannagin and he had been received into the Liberty Association.

Pam Flannagin presented special music.

Bro. Hill brought the morning message from Revelation 3 emphasizing we need to heed the "wake up call" and be watchful. God's call is to "walk with Me". We will build our churches if we give Him our hearts.

The meeting dismissed in prayer.

Lunch was served by Pleasant Hill FWB Church.

Beverly K. Hartzog Clerk

#### FELLOWSHIP MEETING

July 8, 1994
First FWB Church of Chipley

The meeting opened by singing "He Hideth My Soul." Rev. Kevin Flannagin led in prayer.

Moderator Randy Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting.

The ladies group from the First FWB Church of Chipley presented special music "There's No Other Word for Grace But Amazing."

Following congregation singing, a testimony service was held.

The choir from the Chipley Church presented "The Holy Spirit Medley."

Millard Sasser, promotional secretary for the State of Florida, gave a report on the plans for the promotional secretary's office in Florida and stressed the need for cooperative giving.

An offering of \$44.00 was received which was given to Bro. Sasser as a love offering.

Bro. Sasser brought the evening message from I Cor. 12:4-27. There are many diversities in Free Will Baptists but we are not independent and cannot function without each other. God deserves our very best and what we have. All things should be done to the glory of God and in whatever we do, we should let Jesus shine through.

Refreshemnts were served by the host church.

Approximately 45 were in attendance.

Beverly K. Hartzog Clerk

#### ANNUAL MEETING

October 8, 1994

First FWB Church of Panama City

The annual meeting of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Association was opened by congregational singing.

Moderator Randy Hill welcomed everyone to the meeting.

A special altar of prayer was held for the following people with special needs; Judy Campbell, Jerry Whitworth, L.D. Helms, George and Vicky Bush. David Williford and Frank Willis led in prayer.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. MS&C to seat the delegates. MS&C to accept Pleasant Hill's delegates, Beth Hayes and Bryan Pierce, in the absence of their church letter.

The minutes of the April 9, 1994 and July 8, 1994 meetings were approved as read.

The annual treasurer's report was accepted as presented. (Printed on the following page.)

Ed Sweigart presented the recommendation from the Executive Committee that the Liberty Association send \$250 from the General Fund toward the expenses of the National Association when it convenes in Florida July 20-24, 2003. MS&C to send \$250 to the Florida State Association toward expenses for hosting the National Association of FWB in 2003.

#### WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Treasurer's Report 10-1-93 / 9-30-94

\$ 3,545.17 18,884.64	Balance on hand 10-1-93 Deposits	
•	Youth Retreat Interest	16,246.22 1,965.00 126.00
	Student Loan Fund Dues	142.00 284.50
·	Offerings	120.92
\$22,429.81	Balance on Hand	
15,026.49	Paid Out	
	Coop - FSA \$	9,364.80
· .	Youth Retreat	2,385.00
•	Camp Mt. Pleasant	1,560.88
*	Retirement	800.59
	Student Loan Fund	
	(savings)	356.08
	Office Supplies	64.18
	Typewriter	189.96
	St. Assoc. Dues	180.00
	Clerk	100.00
· · · · ·	Moderator	25.00

\$ 7,403.32 Balance on hand 9-30-94

#### ACCOUNT BALANCES:

\$1,284.39 General Fund
1,461.37 Youth Fund
2,217.33 Mission Board
1,562.98 Fellowship of Encouragement
410.25 Student Loan Fund
467.00 Library Fund

\$7,403.32

LINDA COOK HUMMEL MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND

\$9,762.21

Jim Roney from the Executive Committee presented the following proposal for disbursement of cooperative giving.

#### LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: COOPERATIVE GIVING PROPOSAL -- October 1994 Executive Committee Recommendation

Cooperative Giving Division (unchanged) 60% sent to Florida State Association 40% remaining in Liberty Association 100%

#### Breakdown of the 40% Remaining in Liberty Association

	Present	Proposal
Camp Mt. Pleasant General Fund	25%	25%
Youth Fund (Retreats, Outings, State Youth Conf. fees)	20%	20%
Mission Board (Conferences, Projects, Trips)	20%	20%
Fellowship of Encouragement (Ministry to adults including		
seminars, retreats, educational opportunities)	15%	10%
Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan Fund	10%	5%
Library Fund	5%	5%
General Fund (printing costs, fees, dues, misc. expenses)	5%	5%
State Promotional Office	0%	10%
	100%	100%

MS&C to adopt the plan for disbursement of cooperative giving as presented. The new plan adds giving to the State Promotional Office.

It was pointed out that Sunday School literature can be ordered through Millard Sasser, the State Promotional Secretary, and Florida will receive a percentage of the order. Also, Bro. Sasser is working with a long distance company who will give the Florida State Association of FWB 10% on calls made.

Nominations for different offices of the Liberty Association were presented. MS&C to elect those nominated by acclamation. (Nominations on following page.)

The following churches will host the Liberty Association in 1995.

January 13, 1995 Piney Grove (Fellowship Meeting)

April 15, 1995 - Pleasant Hili (Business Meeting)

July 14, 1995 - Panama City Church (Fellowship Meeting)

October 14, 1995 Chipley Church (Annual Business Meeting)

The following Obituary Report was received:
Piney Grove - Vea Peel, James E. Peel
Chipley - Iris Suggs

Archie Cook dismissed the meeting with prayer.

The morning worhsip opened with congregationsl singing. An offering of \$33.00 was received.

The Panama City choir presented special music. Rev. Frank Willis brought the morning message from I Thess. 4.

The meeting dismissed with prayer.

Beverly K. Hartzog Clerk **OFFICERS** 

#### WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: 1994 - 1995 Nominations For Officers and Board Members

Moderator
Assistant ModeratorRev. David Williford (term expires October 1995)
Clerk/TreasurerMrs. Beverly Hartzog(Beverly Skiles)
Assistant Clerk/TreasurerMrs. Beverly Skiles(Pam Taylor)
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Mr. Ross Pippin1994(Rev. David Hidle: 1999)
Rev. Frank Willis1995
Mr. Aron Burch1996(Rev. Kevin Flannagin)
Mr. Jim Roney1997
Mr. Ed Sweigart1998
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Mr. Ralph Toole1994(Mr. Ralph Toole: 1997)
Mr. Archie Cook1995
Mr. Jim Roney1996
YOUTH BOARD
Rev. Jeff Skiles1994(Rev. Jeff Skiles: 1997)
Mr. Sammy Hayes1995
Rev. Orville Whitacre.1996
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<u>CAMP BOARD</u> Mr. Sammy Hayes1994(Mr. Sammy Hayes: 1996)
Mr. Aron Burch1995(Mr. Donnie Russell)
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MISSION BOARD
Rev. Wayne Hartzog1994(Rev. Wayne Hartzog: 1997)
Mr. Ernest Owen1995
Rev. Jeff Skiles1996
ORDAINING COUNCIL
Mr. Thomas Porter1994(Mr. Lavon Crawford: 1997)
Rev. Randy Hill1995
Rev. David Williford1996
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STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE  Pour David Williford
Rev. David Williford(Rev. David Williford)
COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS
Nominating and Resolutions CommitteeExecutive Committee
Obituary CommitteeEtha Mae Owen, Sharon Cooper, Marie George(same)
Education/Library CommitteeRev. David Williford, Mr. Lavon Crawford,
Rev. David Hidle(same)
Fellowship of EncouragementRev. Randy Hill, Mrs. Pam Taylor, Mrs. Donna
Williford, Mrs. Myra Henderson, Rev. David Hidle(same)

#### CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF

#### FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Preamble. In order to encourage and inspire the churches of this association to engage in a more definite plan of work, to labor together in unity, and to coordinate their efforts for a greater program to Christ and His Kingdom. We do hereby adopt this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 1. NAME - This organization shall be known as the West Florida Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist Churches.

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS - The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer. (These offices may be combined.) The officers are to be elected at the Annual Meeting and will serve a two-year term.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP - This association shall be composed of churches in good standing according to the Faith and Practices of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

- Section 1. Church(es) desiring membership in this association shall send delegates bearing a petitionary letter. If the above church(es) upon examination by the Credentials-Examining Committee (Ordaining Council), are found to be in order and properly organized as specified in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, they shall, by vote of this body, be received in full fellowship.
- a. It is recommended that all churches of this association require their pastors be a member of the church which he serves, unless he pastors more than one church, then he must be a member of one of the churches he serves.
- b. It is also recommended that, a church that cannot find a Free Will Baptist pastor, be allowed to call an interim pastor who will not preach contrary to the Doctrine of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE IV. REPRESENTATION - This association shall consist of delegates from the churches of which it is composed, each church being entitled to two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

Section 1. All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE V. COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - The following are elected on a rotating basis, whereby one member is elected annually. The Executive Committee (5 members elected only from the standing delegates), Board of Trustees (3 members), Youth Committee (3 members), Camp Board (2 members), Ordaining Council (3 members), and Mission Board (3 members). All committees and boards shall be subject to the association for their actions. All committees and boards shall give a report of their actions at each association business session.

Section 1. The associational officers are members ex-officio of the above committees.

Section II. The following committees may be appointed by the Moderator: Nominations, Resolutions, and Obituaries.

ARTICLE VI. MEETINGS - This Association shall meet on the second Friday evening in January and July for fellowship and on the second Saturday in April and October for both fellowship and the conducting of business. Business may be conducted on the second Friday evening of January and July, if necessary.

ARTICLE VII. LINDA COOK HUMMEL MEMORIAL STUDENT LOAN FUND - The Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan Fund shall be supported by each church with a representation fee as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the voting body. This fee is payable quarterly and may be supplemented by gifts from individuals, churches, etc. To be eligible to receive a loan, the student: (1) Must be enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee, (2) Must be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church in this association which regularly supports the Linda Cook Hummel Memorial Student Loan Fund, (3) Shall give to the Board of Trustees of this association a promissory note.

ARTICLE VIII. FINANCES - Each church shall pay quarterly dues as recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the voting body.

Section I. The Moderator shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year and the Clerk one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year. The remainder of the money shall be used for expenses of the Association that may occur.

ARTICLE IX. INDEPENDENCE OF CHURCHES - Each church of this Association is a distinct and independent organization, with full and absolute authority to manage its own internal and external affairs, to elect its pastor, officers, and to receive and dismiss its members.

Section I. Each church of this association shall have, hold, and control all its property, real, and otherwise. EXCEPTION: The church that is under the control of the Missions Board.

Section II. This Associaton shall act only in an advisory capacity. Should there arise in the local church any questions on doctrine, practices or discipline, the Bible, and the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists shall be considered the final authority.

ARTICLE X. QUORUM - One minister and five (5) standing delegates with six (6) delegates from three (3) or more churches of this Association shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENTS - This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular business session, if notice of such intended alteration has been given in writing and recorded at the previous business session.

### BY-LAWS OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

#### ARTICLE I. DUTIES OF THE ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICES.

<u>Section 1. Moderator</u> - The Moderator shall preside over all meetings of the Association; appoint temporary committees, and call the members of the Executive Committee together when necessary.

Section 2. Assistant Moderator - The Assistant Moderator shall preside over the meetings of the association in the absence of the Moderator. He shall assist the Moderator in the general work of the association. He shall assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence.

Section 3. Provision for Moderator - in case of the absence of both the Moderator and Assistant Moderator, the body shall elect the Moderator for that session.

<u>Section 4. Clerk</u> - The clerk shall record the proceedings of the business sessions of the association and of the executive committee, and shall edit and have them printed into annual minutes for the general information of the member churches.

Clerk shall also (1) collect the letters and reports from the churches (2) prepare the associational report to the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches (3) prepare all correspondence for the association (4) if replaced, turn all records of the association over to the successor in office (5) give the report of meeting to the association.

Section 5. Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all association funds. He/she shall keep a record of all monies received and paid out by the association, make and give a financial report at each business session of the association, and if replaced, turn all records of the association with the funds over to his/her successor in office.

#### ARTICLE II. COMMITTEES.

Section 1. Executive Committee - The executive committee shall act for the association of churches when it is not in session on things that cannot wait until the association is in regular session.

- a. This committee shall plan and arrange the year's program for all sessions of the association.
- b. This committee shall act as the promotional agency for the various work of the association.
- c. This committee shall be called into session when necessary by the Moderator or, in his absence, by the Assistant Moderator.
- d. This committee shall give a report of all business to the association.

  <u>Section 2. Ordaining Council</u> (Credentials and Examining Committee) 
  All members of this committee shall be from the standing delegates (Ordained ministers and deacons) and shall be members of this association in good standing.
- a. It shall be the duty of this committee to examine all candidates (ministers) at the request of the local church, for ordination. All licenses (not ordination) for the ministry shall be given by the local church, examined by the ordaining council upon request.
- b. Ministers coming from other associations shall be examined by this committee according to the Faith and Practice in the Treatise of Free Will Baptists and the Holy Scriptures at the request of the local church.

- c. Ministers departing this Association will, upon request, be given a letter of recommendation providing that he is in good standing with the Association, and has no formal charge filed against him by the church he is leaving.
- Section 3. Mission Committee There shall be a mission committee consisting of three (3) members elected to terms, one for three years; one for two years; one for one year. Their duties:
  - a. To promote mission work in this Association.
- b. To coordinate the needs of our missionaries (home and foreign) to each of our churches in this Association. To plan, organize, and supervise mission work in the Association.
  - c. To report to the Association.
- Section 4. Board of Trustees The Board of Trustees is to be in charge of all deeds, paper work dealing with the property of the Association.
  - a. To regulate and see after the Student Loan Fund.
  - b. To collect funds on the promissory notes.
  - c. To report to the Association.
  - Section 5. Youth Committee This committee shall consist of three (3) members elected to terms of one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.
- a. To organize, plan, and supervise the youth rallies, CTS competition, Sunday School promotion, and summer camps, etc., for the Association.
  - b. To promote our Association among our youth.
  - c. To report to the Association.
  - Section 6. Camp Board The duties of the camp board are:
- a. To coordinate the work of the camp between our association and sister associations.
  - b. To help maintain the camp.
  - c. To plan calendar events for the camp.
- d. To coordinate with youth co-directors the programs for the camp. (association).

#### RULES OF DECORUM

- 1. The Association, when convened, shall be opened and closed by singing and prayer.
- 2. Only one person shall speak at a time, and he will rise to his feet and address the Moderator.
- 3. Each person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in speech, except by the Moderator, until he gets through; nor shall the Moderator interrupt him unless he breaks order.
- 4. The person speaking shall adhere to the questions and shall in no way cast reflections on any person who may have spoken before him.
- 5. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
- 6. No person shall carry on conversation, one with another, so as to interrupt business while in session.
- 7. Members shall address each other by the appellation of brother, brethren, or sisters.
- 8. No members of this Association shall absent himself when the Association is sitting in conference without leave of the Moderator.
- 9. The names of the delegates of this Association shall be enrolled and called as often as the Associaton thinks is necessary.
- 10. No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at one time without leave of the Moderator.
- 11. Visiting brethren shall be entitled to a seat to discuss subjects, but not to vote.

#### CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace", to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.