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PROCEEDINGS OF

The Forty-ninth Annual Session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptists, met with the New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1938; being August 30. to September 2. Opening song lead by Rev. C. J. Turrentine. Prayer by Rev. W. V. McPhail. Devotional by Sister Jessie Ferguson. Introductory sermon by Rev. Allie Ferguson, Text Mark 1:8. Subject, "Sowing." Dismissed by Sister Lon Taylor to come together again Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song lead by Rev. C. J. Turrentine. Prayer by congregation, "The Lord's Prayer." Devotional by Sister Maud Wier, reading 8th. chapter of Romans. Opening talk by Moderator Rev. Tiff Covington. Welcome address by pastor Rev. C. J. Turrentine. Response by W. D. Phillips. Business was taken up as usual.

Roll call of churches. The following churches were represented by letters which were read and the delegates seated.

Trinity Church, Fort Worth, Texas	\$ 3.00
Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas ..	3.00
First Church, Fort Worth, Texas	3.00
New Hope Church, Weatherford, Texas	4.00
New Salem Church, Decatur, Texas	3.00
First Church, Weatherford, Texas	2.00
Unity Church, Azle, Texas	.00
Easley's Chapel, Comanche, Texas	.00
First Church, Denison, Texas, Petitionary	3.00
Ladies' Auxialiary Work	2.00
Totals	\$23.00

The right hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator and the petitionary letter from the First Church of Denison, Texas was read and the church was accepted into the Association. Their delegates were then seated, and the right hand of fellowship was extended them also.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE. Chas. B. Wier, Sister Annie Ridenour and Sister Katye Hemphill.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE. Rev. J. C. Hodges, Sister Maud Wier and Bro. Claud Lamb.

MISSIONS COMMITTEE. Bro. G. W. Taylor, Rev. Allie Ferguson and Bro. H. H. Killough.

MINUTE COMMITTEE. Brothers W. D. Phillips, Bill Reader and A. J. Measures.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE. Rev. C. J. Turrentine, Bro. Jess McEntire and Rev. Allie Ferguson.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE. Sisters Carrie Covington, Clara Phillips and Lillie McPheely.

It was voted that Bro. C. B. Wier make a talk on the Sunday School and others discussed the subject.

Dismissed by Bro. Paul Purcell, for the eleven o'clock sermon.

Song was lead by Rev. Allie Ferguson after which a special song was rendered by the Pleasant Mound Quartet.

Sermon by Bro. Frank Bennett; Subject, 'Sin in the Church.'

Dismissed for lunch. A bountiful spread was then enjoyed by all.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song lead by Bro. C. B. Wier. Devotional by Sister Belle Hodges, reading the entire 12th. chapter of Romans.

The afternoon was given to the Ladies for discussion of their work. The men went to an arbor for a round table discussion on the possibilities of Extension Work. Opening discussion by Rev. C. J. Turrentine which was followed by Rev. J. C. Hodges, L. W. Miller, T. H. Newsome, W. V. McPhail, J. A. Brooks, Tiff Covington and others.

We reassembled at the church at 4 P. M. Bro. Hiram McAdams sang and Sister McAdams preached a wonderful sermon that was enjoyed by all present. Her subject was, 'What Jesus wants the Church to be'. Then she said, 'What do we want the Church to be.'

A prayer of thanksgiving was lead by Bro. T. H. Newsome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Song service lead by Bro. Smith. Prayer by Bro. L. W. Miller.

Devotional by Bro. C. B. Wier. A special song was rendered by the Cozart Sisters.

Rev. W. V. McPhail brought a wonderful message, reading Numbers 21:5-10 and as a subject, 'Look and Live.' After which a special quartet number was sung by C. B. Wier, Ruby Lee Armstrong, Allie Ferguson and C. J. Turrentine. A special quartet number was then sung by the Buffalo Springs Church Quartet.

Bro. Paul Purcell of Oklahoma brought a wonderful message entitled the 'Divine Touch.'

Dismissed to meet again Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song lead by Bro. C. B. Wier. Prayer by Sister Phillips. Devotional by

Sister Turrentine. Song by Romania Covington. Prayer by Bro. Paul Purcell.
A Testimonial Service was then enjoyed by all present.
The Unity Church letter was read at this time.
The minutes of the preceeding meeting was read and approved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The reports of the various committees were called for and read as follows.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, your committee on Sunday School make the following recommendations for the good of and the advancement of this cause for Christ.

1. That we urge all of our Sunday Schools to install teachers who are Free Will Baptists not only in name, but in faith and practice.

2. That we urge our churches to organize their Sunday School classes by age, to wit: Beginners, 3 to 5; Primaries, 6 to 9; Juniors, 10 to 12; Intermediates, 13 to 16; Seniors, 17 until married; a young married Class and an elder class.

3. Because of the different opinions regarding the use of literature or the Bible only in our Sunday Schools, we recommend that this question be settled in each church by a majority vote of the members assembled in regular conference.

4. That this Association urge each school to adopt the complete six point record system, when possible. Especially those having full time services.

5. We further recommend that this Association elect a Sunday School organizer and advisor for the purpose of organizing new schools and giving advice to our present ones.

SIGNED

Chas. B. Wier

Mrs. Katye Hemphill

Mrs. Annie Ridenour

MISSIONS. We, your committee on Missions, beg to report as follows: Since some of the churches do not contribute to missions, we urge and encourage both home and foreign missions. Also that a certain per cent, which each church may determine, may be given to spread the gospel and extend the work of God.

SIGNED

A. F. Ferguson

H. H. Killough

G. W. Taylor

OBITUARY: We, your committee on Obituary report as follows: We regret very much to report the loss of our Brother J. E. White of

Pleasant Mound Church, Buffalo Springs, Texas; and Sister Mary Byars, of First Church, Weatherford, Texas; and Rev. Ray Stanford, First Church, Fort Worth, Texas. Our sympathy goes out to their loved ones and may God bless and keep you is the prayer of the various churches and the committee.

SIGNED

Mrs. Carrie Covington

Mrs. W. D. Phillips

Mrs. Lillie McPheely

TEMPERANCE. We, your committee on temperance submit the following report. All forms of evil seems to be increasing at an alarming rate and it behooves all christians to be alert and aggressive in our efforts to overcome all these forms of worldliness and immorality, including the liquor traffic, gambling, horse racing, mixed bathing, abbreviated costumes used in athletic contests, especially in our schools and colleges. Also dancing and bridge parties and all forms of amusement in which gambling is suggested or encouraged. Also let us encourage our young people in all forms of christian activities and wholesome amusements.

SIGNED

Rev. J. C. Hodges

Sister Maud Wier

Bro. Claud Lamb

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, last Association	\$61.60
Received as minute money	28.41
Totals	<u>\$90.01</u>

Paid out for 1937 minutes	\$35.00
Clerk salary	5.00
State Association Delegate Fees	10.00
Tithe to State Association	1.80
Total disbursements	<u>\$51.80</u>
Balance carried forward to this Session	<u>\$38.21</u>

SIGNED

Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Treasurer

Moved and carried that the clerk write a letter of condolence to Rev. J. A. Edmonson that he may know that the West Fork Association is in sympathy with him in the loss of his wife and companion, at Vernon, Texas.

Moved and carried to adjourn for the eleven o'clock sermon.

Song lead by C. B. Wier. Prayer by Sister Covington.

A special song lead by Letha Barger dedicated to her grandmother Covington. Rev. J. C. Hodges brought the morning sermon, reading Genesis, 2:16; subject, 'Sin and what it is.'

Adjourned to meet again at 1:30.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song lead by Bro. Jess McEntire. Prayer by Bro. Frank Bennet.

Devotional, by Bro. Jess McEntire. Reading 17th. chapter St. John.

The Moderator called the Association to order and the Fiftieth Annual Session of the Association was voted to be held with the Pleasant Mound Church, near Buffalo Springs, Texas. It will convene on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1939; and Rev. J. A. Brooks will preach the introductory sermon.

Resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 was read and adopted. (See Resolutions.)

Committee on Religious Education: Bro. Jess McEntire, Sister Cox and Bro. C. H. Inman.

It was voted to strike out the Credential Committee.

The following were elected as officers for the coming year.

Rev. T. H. Newsome, Moderator, Springtown, Texas.

Bro. C. B. Wier, Assistant Moderator, Fort Worth, Texas.

Bro. W. D. Phillips, Clerk and Mrs. W. D. Phillips, Treasurer. Decatur, Texas.

It will be the duty of the newly elected moderator to appoint a Program Committee.

It was voted to let the printing of the minutes to the lowest bidder, and that the Articles of Faith be included in the minutes.

It was voted that each pastor preach at least one sermon on Tithing to each of his churches, this year that our people may be taught to tithe and that this is the Bible way of financing the work of preaching the Gospel.

A vote of thanks was taken for the New Hope Church and the community for their loyalty and the wonderful way in which they entertained the Association. May the God in Heaven bless you all.

It was voted to give the ladies' space in our minutes for their work to be recorded.

It was voted to tithe to the State Association. Our tithe this year being \$2.00

Moved and carried to appoint delegates to the State Association, and to send our letter with delegate fees.

The following were elected as delegates to the State Association; Sisters Opal McPhail, Belle Hodges, Benton, Lillie McPheely, Maud Wier, Brooks, and Katie Hemphill, and Brothers G. W. Taylor, C. H. Inman, Jim Collins and Ellic Woods.

Moved and carried to be dismissed from the Forty-ninth annual session of the West Fork Association. All left for their respective homes feeling it was good to have attended. Let us lay plans to make the Fiftieth session of the Association, the best of them all.

SIGNED

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator

W. D. Phillips, Clerk

CHURCH LETTERS

FORT WORTH—The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved: Bro. Chas. B. Wier, and Sisters Maud Wier and Lillie McFeely, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 25; by letter, 16; by baptism, 9; dismissed, none; died, none; total membership, 118. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 137. Officers, 9; Teachers, 7; Classes, 7. Offering, \$1,543.06. Paid, pastor, \$1,198.00. For building and repair, \$1,150.61. Supplies, \$54.47. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$391.81. To Association, \$3.00. Total income, \$2,845.80. Total expenditures, \$2,797.89. Balance, \$47.91. Value of church property, \$3,500.00. Pastor, Rev. M. L. Sutton, 2704 Hanna St. Fort Worth, Texas.

Names of Ministers and Deacons belonging to our church.

Ministers, Rev. Jack Campbell, Rev. Allie Ferguson, Rev. John Lucas and Rev. H. C. StJohn. Deacons, Brothers J. W. Kirk and W. M. Howard.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 3. 1938.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Moderator

Mrs. Emma Belle Eagleton, Clerk

FORT WORTH—The First Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sisters H. H. Killough, Bill Fox and Belle Hodges, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 11; by letter, 6; by baptism, 5; dismissed, 4; died, 1. Total membership, 138. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 46. Officers, 3. Teachers, 8. Amount of offering, \$1,774.99. Condition of Young People's Work, good. Average number of members, 86. Bible studied. Condition of Women's Work, good. Average number of members, 6. Paid to this Association, \$3.00.

BUFFALO SPRINGS—The Pleasant Mound Church to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church, near Weatherford, Texas. We send as delegates, our beloved Brothers Claud Lamb, C. H. Inman and Sister Lillian Cozart, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 20; by letter, 10; by baptism, 10. Dismissed, 2; died, 1. Total membership, 191. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good; Average number of pupils, 75. Officers, 3. Teachers, 5. Classes, 5. Paid pastor, \$334.11. Paid assistant pastor, \$60.00. Evangelist, used pastor. For building and repairs, \$21.25. Paid for supplies, \$14.50. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$130.57. To

Association, \$3.00. Total income, \$574.71; total expenditures, \$563.43; balance, \$11.28. Value of church property, \$1,500.00. Pastor, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2. Bellevue, Texas,

Names and addresses of ministers and deacons belonging to our church; Ministers, Rev. Tiff Covington and Rev. Clyde Shults. Deacons, Brothers J. T. Reader, Van Elzie. J. W. Broom, A. S. James, R. L. White and J. W. Hargrove.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 18. 1938.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator
J. H. McIntyre, Clerk

NEW HOPE—The New Hope Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with our church.

We send as delegates, Elzie Morris, Rebecca Morris and R. L. White; as alternates, Mattie White, Tom Measures and Katye Hemphill, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 7; by letter, 1; by baptism, 6. Dismissed, 1; died 1. Total membership, 68. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 30. Officers, 6; teachers, 4; classes, 4.

Paid pastor, \$108.40. Paid evangelist, \$30.00. Paid for supplies, \$10.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$20.00. Paid to association, \$3.00. Value of church property, \$1,000.00. Pastor, Rev. C. J. Turrentine, 2707 W. 24th St. Fort Worth, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Rev. C. J. Turrentine and Rev. Henry Measures. Deacons; B. F. Boyd, Jess Phillips, A. J. Measures, Elzie Morris and Jeff Hemphill.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference August, 21st. 1938.

Rev. C. J. Turrentine, Moderator
R. L. White, Clerk

NEW SALEM—The New Salem Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Bro. and Sister G. W. Taylor and Sister W. D. Phillips, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 4; by letter, 3; by baptism, 1; dismissed, 2. Total membership, 50. Condition of Sunday School good. Average number of pupils, 20. Officers, 3; teachers, 2; classes, 2. Offering, \$10.00.

Paid pastor, \$127.79. Paid for publication, \$3.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$15.00. Paid to Association, \$3.00. Value of church property, \$1,000. Pastor, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2. Bellevue, Texas.

Deacons; Brothers, W. D. Phillips; J. W. Taylor; Fred Anderson and R. J. Neighbors.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 27. 1938.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator
W. D. Phillips, Clerk

WEATHERFORD—The Weatherford Free Will Baptist Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with the New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved, Sisters Mildred Jackson, and Edith Brooks and Bro. Walker whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 6; by baptism, 6; died, 1. Total membership, 62. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 25. Officers, 6; teachers, 4; classes, 4. Condition of Young Peoples Work, fair. Average number of members, 20. Study course, Free Will Baptist Literature.

Paid pastor, \$57.00. Paid evangelist, \$31.00. For publication, \$15.00. For supplies, \$18.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$6.25. To Association, \$2.00. Total income, \$127.25. Value of church property, \$1,000.00. Pastor, Rev. J. A. Brooks, Weatherford, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Rev. J. A. Brooks, Rev. J. A. Lemons, Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Walker and Rev. E. H. Brown. Deacons, Brothers H. L. Harley and Jack Brown.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 19, 1938.

Rev. J. A. Brooks, Moderator
Elizabeth Brandon, Clerk

DENISON—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Denison, Texas to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church near Weatherford, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved; Sisters Nora; Annie Ridenour and Opal McPhail whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good. Members received this year, 5; by letter, 3; by baptism, 2; dismissed, 40. Total membership, 90. Condition of prayer meeting, good. Condition of Sunday School, good. Average number of pupils, 80. Officers, 8; teachers, 6; classes, 6. Condition of Young Peoples work, good. Average number of members, 20. Study course, Free Will Baptist League. Condition of Women's Work, fair. Average number of workers, 6.

Paid pastor, \$600.00. Paid evangelist, \$45.00. Paid for supplies, \$50.00. Miscellaneous expenditures, \$10.00. To Association, \$3.00. Total income, \$725.00. Total expenditures, \$705.00. Value of church property, \$2,000.00. Pastor; Rev. W. V. McPhail, 530 Munsen St. Denison, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church. Rev. W. V. McPhail; Rev. Cleo Dalton; Rev. F. H. Pyles; Rev. Erthra Dalton. Deacons, Cleve Stubbs; Wess Fulce and Will Sampson.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, August 14, 1938.

Rev. W. V. McPhail, Moderator
Cleo Dalton, Clerk

LADIES AUXILIARY WORK

The Ladies Auxiliary Worker's of Free Will Baptists, to the West Fork Association when convened with New Hope Church, near Weatherford Texas. Opened with prayer by Sister McAdams.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Officers for another year were elected as follows: Sister Maud Wier, State President. Sister Katye Hemphill, Vice President. Sister Jessie Ferguson, Secretary-Treasurer. Sister Nell Phillips, Vice Secretary-Treasurer.

Reports received from the First Church, Fort Worth and New Hope Church, Weatherford. Each of the churches enclosed one dollar with letter.

Trays to sick, 62. Visited sick homes, 130. Hospital calls, 25. Showers, 16. Work days, 18. Program days, 6. Verbal reports from three churches. Condition of work, fair.

Mrs. Maud Wier, President
Mrs. Jessie Ferguson, Secretary

RESOLUTION No. 1.

Be it resolved that we, The West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches ask and urge that every Pastor, Minister and Deacon in the bounds of this Association, be present at every yearly meeting unless providentially hindered. Respectfully submitted, Rev. C. J. Turrentine.

RESOLUTION No. 2.

Be it resolved that we, The West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, raise the number of delegates from each church to five instead of three and that the entrance fee at \$1.00 per delegate. Respectfully submitted by, Rev. C. J. Turrentine.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in 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 the 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 the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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 promote the success of the church and of the Gospel. We will everywhere hold Christian principle 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.

CONSTITUTION

From long experience, we, the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, and being convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches to perpetuate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our church government.

Art. 1. MEMBERSHIP. This Association shall be composed of members chosen by the different churches of our union, not exceeding three messengers from each church, and upon producing letters, they shall be entitled to seats. All ordained ministers of said union shall be regular members, when present, by virtue of their office.

Art. 2. NAME. The members thus chosen and convened in the West Fork Association of the Church of God (denominated Free Will Baptist), being composed of the sundry churches located in Northern Texas. The Association having no power to lord it over God's heritage, nor have any ecclesiastical power over the churches, reserving the right to withdraw from any church becoming disorderly.

Art. 3. LETTERS. Letters from the different churches representing are to express their number in fellowship, including the names and addresses of ordained and licensed ministers, the number received by experience, by letters of recommendation, or restored; the number dismissed or excluded, and those who have died since the last Association. The churches in sending their letters may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep up the memorial of our dead.

Art. 4. OFFICERS. The Association shall have a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer, who shall be elected at each annual session by the suffrage of the members present.

Art. 5. NEW CHURCHES. Newly constituted churches may be admitted to the Association, which are to petition by letter and delegates, and if upon examination they are found to be orthodox and orderly they may be received into the Association the Moderator giving the right hand of fellowship.

Art. 6. QUESTIONS. No question from any church shall come under the consideration of the Association unless it has been first discussed in its own church.

Art. 7. MOTIONS. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration, of the Association, except it be withdrawn by the member who made it.

Art. 8. MINUTES. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with minutes of the Association in proportion to the number of members in each church, the distribution to be at the discretion of the Association.

Art. 9. CLERK. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a regular file of the minutes of the Association in a book to be kept by the Association for the purpose.

Art. 10. SIGNATURES. The minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if needed, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the close of the Association.

Art. 11. AMENDMENTS. Amendments to this Constitution may be made, when necessary, by a majority vote of the members present, notice having been given in writing, and recorded at the last previous session.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. God. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe, and in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore and obey.

3. Christ. Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever present Saviour and Lord.

4. The Holy Spirit. The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide and Sanctifier of men.

5. The Government of God. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.

6. The Sinfulness of man. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherited a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. The Work of Christ. The Son of God, by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. The Terms of Salvation. The conditions of salvation are. 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and the hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the

Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.

10. **Freedom of the Will.** The human will is free and self controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, and live or to resist them and perish.

11. **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all and whosoever will may come and take of the water of Life freely.

12. **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace, persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **Gospel Ordinances.** BAPTISM, or the immersion of believers in water, and the LORD'S SUPPER, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; FEET WASHING, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be administered to all true believers.

14. **The Christian Sabbath.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God.

15. **War.** War destroys the lives of the innocent, and is contrary to the New Testament, therefore, we are opposed to war.

16. **Resurrection, Judgement and Final Retribution.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

RULES OF ORDER

1. At every sitting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded by prayer, by the Moderator or whomsoever he may request.

2. Ministers present are invited to seats, allowed to take part in debates on all subjects, and to vote.

3. Those who speak shall arise and address the Moderator. Personal reflections shall be avoided in all debates

4. No motion shall be discussed without a second.

5. When a motion has been made and seconded, and a member opposes its discussion, the Moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed.

6. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken separately.

7. Motions made and lost shall not be recorded.

8. No one shall speak more than twice on the same subject without special leave of the Moderator.

9. All questions shall be decided by a majority vote of all members present.

10. No member shall absent himself without special leave of the Moderator.

11. Minutes shall be leisurely read and corrected before the close of the Association, if necessary.

12. At all future sessions of the Association, arrangements shall be made to insure two sermons, or other devotional exercises equivalent thereto, during each day of the session, and the chair shall announce just before adjournment who shall fill the stand at the next meeting.

13. These Rules of Order shall be distinctly read from the chair immediately after the organization of the Association.

14. Alterations may be made in these rules at any regular session of the Association.

Letter from _____ Church to the

(Please state whether Quarterly meeting, Yearly meeting or Association)

when convened with _____ church at

We send as delegates, our beloved:

Delegates

Alternates

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid you in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion _____ Members received this year, _____ by
letter _____ by baptism _____ dismissed _____ number died _____ Total
membership _____ Condition of prayer meeting _____ Condition of
Sunday School _____ Average number of pupils _____ Number of Officers
_____ Teachers _____ Classes _____ Amount of offering \$ _____
Paid Pastor \$ _____ Paid Evangelist \$ _____ Paid for Building
and Repair _____ Paid for Publication _____ Paid for Sup-
plies \$ _____ Miscellaneous Expenditures \$ _____ For Mission \$ _____
To Association \$ _____ Total Income \$ _____ Total Expenditures \$ _____
Balance \$ _____ Value of Church Property \$ _____
Pastor's name and address _____

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Ministers

Deacons

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this _____ day
of _____ 19 _____

Moderator

Clerk

