

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty Second Annual Session
OF THE
West Fork Association
OF
Free Will Baptist Churches
CONVENED WITH THE
Gartman View Church
OF
Comanche, Texas
September 2 to September 4, 1941

The fifty-third session of the association will be held with the New Salem Church five miles southwest of Decatur on the Paradise Road. Time; Tuesday night before the first Sunday in September, 1942

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The Fifty Second Annual Session of the West Fork Association of Free Will Baptist Churches, met with the Gartman View Church near Comanche, Texas, on Sept. Second to the Fourth, 1941.

In the absence of the Moderator, the Clerk, Bro. W. D. Phillips, called the house to order and Rev. J. A. Brooks was elected Moderator.

After some good songs the pulpit committee was appointed, who were: Bro. Garlin Collins, Sister Belle Easley and Sister Sylvia Burks to supply the pulpit in the absence of Rev. Ruel Conner, who was to have preached the introductory sermon. The committee appointed Rev. Tiff Covington to take his place. Rev. Covington preached a wonderful sermon from 1st Samuel, chapter 17. His subject was, "The Battle is the Lord's."

After we enjoyed a good sermon the entertaining committee assigned us to our homes. We were dismissed in order to meet again Wednesday morning at nine o'clock. We went to our homes feeling it was good to have been to the house of God.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The moderator called the house to order by song. Devotional led by Sister M. L. Sutton, reading Genesis 17:1-5.

Prayer led by Rev. L. F. Burks.

In the absence of the clerk at the morning session Bro. Wier was asked to act as clerk pro tem.

The moderator called the roll of the churches. They responded as follows:

Trinity Church, Fort Worth	\$20.62
Pleasant Mount Church, Buffalo Springs	3.00
New Hope, Weatherford	1.00
New Salem, Decatur	4.00
First Church, Comanche	2.00
Gartman View, Comanche	
Total minute money received in 1941	\$33.62
Balance minute money on hand at the association	25.21
Total on hand at the close of the association	\$58.83

The letters were read and motion carried to seat the dele-soever he may request.

gates and the hand of fellowship was extended by the moderator.

Moved and carried the next association meet with the New Salem Church, five miles southwest of Decatur on the Paradise Road. Time: Tuesday night before the first Sunday in Sept., 1942.

Rev. J. H. Measures to preach the introductory sermon.

Moved and carried to proceed to elect officers at this time. Rev. M. L. Sutton was elected as moderator. Rev. J. A. Brooks assistant moderator.

Bro. W. D. Phillips was elected clerk.

Bro. C. B. Wier was elected assistant clerk.

Sister W. D. Phillips was elected treasurer, by a unanimous vote. A fifteen minute recess was declared.

The house was called to order with a song. Devotional by Rev. B. M. Kilgore and a good testimony meeting was enjoyed, closed with prayer by Rev. Kilgore.

Rev. Tiff Covington then introduced Rev. C. H. Perry who preached at the eleven o'clock hour, reading Psalms 133, subject, "Unity," closed with a good hand shake, and prayer by Sister Jane Williams. Dismissed for lunch to meet again at 1:30 p. m.

A bountiful lunch was spread and enjoyed by all.

- WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song led by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Devotional by Bro. H. H. Killough.

Prayer by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Moderator called for business, and proceeded by the reading of the Gartman View Church letter and seating of the delegates.

Treasurer's Report was read and accepted.

The minutes had not been printed the last year so it was voted to read the manuscript.

Clerk read the minutes and explained why the minutes had not been printed.

Talks on printing the minutes were made.

Gartman View Church asked that an ordaining counsel be appointed to ordain Bro. Ted Patton and Bro. Carlos McGuire as deacons for the Gartman View Church.

Ordaining Counsel chosen as follows:

Rev. A. F. Ferguson

Rev. Tiff Covington

Bro. Jeff Easley

Moved and seconded to adjourn until night service.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Devotional led by Sister Carrie Covington.

Prayer led by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

A beautiful ordination was performed.

Charge given by Rev. A. F. Ferguson reading Second Timothy second chapter.

Dedicational prayer by Rev. Tiff Covington.

A song by a quartet was rendered.

Sermon by Rev. M. L. Sutton bringing a wonderful message from Eph. 6:1-8.

Dismissed to meet Thursday morning at 9 o'clock.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song led by Rev. J. A. Brooks.

Devotional led by Bro. W. D. Phillips reading Romans 12th chapter.

Report on Ladies Work given by Sister Maud Wier, see report.

Report by Sister M. L. Sutton on orphanage, see report.

Report on Sunday School by Rev. Tiff Covington.

11:00 Sermon by Rev. A. F. Ferguson from 2nd Thess. 2nd chapter, his subject was "The Great Falling Away." This was a wonderful sermon, and we all felt it was good to have been there.

Adjourned for 12:00 lunch. A good dinner was served on the church grounds after which we were ready for the afternoon session.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Song led by Rev. M. L. Sutton.

Devotional led by Rev. J. A. Brooks reading the sixth Psalm. After which the association went into a huddle to elect Bro. W. D. Phillips chairman of the Home Mission Board. Mission work to be done in the bounds of the West Fork associa-

tion and gave him the power to select his assistants, Bro. G. W. Taylor was selected as chairman, and Sister Fitzpatrick as secretary and treasurer. In this session there was \$16.00 raised to start the work.

Six pastors pledged their support. Bro. Phillips asked that each of their churches promote one revival meeting in the bounds of the West Fork Association. All the preachers, deacons and Sunday School Superintendents were appointed on this board; therefore, it is believed by the time for the next association some good will be reported from this home mission board.

Moved and carried, that a director be elected for each department of our work.

Elections proceeded as follows:

Sunday School	Bro. C. B. Wier, Ft. Worth
Foreign Mission	Bro. Jeff Easley, Comanche
Young People's Work	Bro. Rance Anderson, Decatur
Ladies Work	Sister Maud Wier, Ft. Worth
Orphanage	Sister Leora Measures, Weatherford

Committee on Committees

1. Rev. A. F. Ferguson
2. Rev. J. H. Measures
3. Sister M. L. Sutton

Moved and carried to elect delegates to the State Association to meet at Bryan, Tex.

Sister M. L. Sutton, chairman.

Bro. C. B. Wier

Bro. G. W. Taylor

Sister Lucille Cozart

Bro. Ted Patton

Sister Sylvia Burks

Sister Evylin Turner

Sister Marcell Jackson

Sister Rena Benton

Bro. Cleve Stubbs

It was an oversight on the part of this association not to have appointed a committee on obituary, but the entire Association

tion extends to each Church and individual, that have lost a member by death, our heart felt sympathy. We regret not having the names of the deceased to put in our minutes; however, may the Lord supply us with more grace. Signed, Association Clerk, W. D. Phillips.

After investigation this Association voted to call for the credentials of Bro. Brawley.

Moved and carried the clerk write Rev. and Sister J. C. Hodges a letter expressing how their absence was so keenly felt at our Association. May the Lord bless this elderly couple and many others who could not be with us on account of old age and bad health.

Moved and carried that we adjourn for baptising at 4:00 p. m. by Rev. A. F. Ferguson after which we returned to the church and enjoyed a good evening meal.

THURSDAY NIGHT

Sermon preached by Rev. J. H. Measures, reading Acts 1:1-8 also Rom. 2:15, Text: "After that the Holy Ghost has come, ye shall receive power." It was a good sermon. We were made glad of one more of the best associations ever attended.

It was voted to extend our thanks to the Gartman View Church and community for the kind way they entertained the Association. It was a pleasant, smiling church and community that welcomed us, also a pleasant group of preachers and delegates, good food the whole time.

The next Association will meet with the New Salem Church near Decatur, Texas, on Tuesday night before the first Sunday in Sept., 1942.

REV. J. A. BROOKS, Moderator,
BRO. W. D. PHILLIPS, Clerk,
Decatur, Texas.

TREASURER'S REPORT

I beg leave to submit my report as follows:

Cash on hand at the last Association	.46
Received at Association minute money	28.25
Total	\$28.71
Paid out to Bro. C. B. Wier for back indebtedness	3.50

Balance	25.21
Received May 1st from Trinity Church by C. B. Wier, church treasurer	9.08
Received Aug. 1st from Trinity Church	11.42
Balance on hand	\$45.71

MRS. W. D. PHILLIPS, Treasurer.

ORPHANAGE REPORT

I beg leave to submit the following report:

At the present time we have a total of \$114.38, on hand only \$20.49 of that amount having been subscribed during the entire year.

Let us resolve in our hearts to get busy, put this part of our program over, or let us cancel the plan, therefore clear up our record.

I regret this fund hasn't grown as it should have.

Signed, MRS. M. L. SUTTON.

Committee On Committees

We your committee on committees beg to submit the following appointments:

Committee on Temperance:

Rev. C. H. Perry, Buffalo Springs
 Bro. Jake Fuller, Buffalo Springs
 Bro. Lee McGowan, Buffalo Springs

Committee on Minutes:

Bro. W. D. Phillips, Decatur
 Bro. Wiley Taylor, Decatur
 Sister Carrie Covington, Bellevue

Committee on Obituary:

Sister Grace Collins, Comanche
 Bro. Alfa Hughes, Comanche
 Bro. Otho Isom, Dot

Signed:

A. F. FERGUSON
 J. H. MEASURES
 MRS. M. L. SUTTON

LADIES' WORK

Being chosen as representative of the Ladies Work of the West Fork Association, I beg to report the following from the Willing Workers of the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Fort Worth, which was the only organization reported.

Total collections for the year so far	\$46.15
Total expenditures	23.58
Leaving a balance of	\$22.57

Signed, MRS. MAUD WIER.

CHURCH LETTERS

COMANCHE.—The Gartman's View Church, to the West Fork Association when convened with Gartman's View church at Comanche, Texas.

We send as delegates our beloved: Rufus Clayton, George Kerle, and Will Bradshaw; alternates, Fred Johnson, Garland Collins and Syble Isom, 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; died, 6; total membership, 124; condition of prayer meeting, not so good; condition of Sunday School, good; average No. pupils, 50; No. Officers, 8; No. teachers, 4; No. classes, 4; amount of offering, \$55.00; paid pastor \$131.15; paid evangelist \$48.83; paid for building and repair \$167.25; paid for publication \$18.40; paid for supplies \$62.50; miscellaneous expenditures \$22; total income \$464.73; total expenditure \$282.88; balance \$181.85; value of church property \$750.00; pastor's name and address, A. F. Ferguson, Fort Worth, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church: deacons: P. J. Easley.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 31st day of August, 1941.

Garland Collins, Clerk.

We the Gartman View Church present two deacons for ordination. We ask the Association to ordain them, they are: Bro. Ted Patton and Bro. Carlos McGuire.

NEW SALEM.—The New Salem Church, to the West Fork

Association when convened with Gartman's View church at Comanche, Texas.

We send delegates, our beloved: Bro. G. W. Taylor, Bro. Frank Lamar, and Sister Fitspatrick, 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, 1; by baptism, 1; total membership, 55; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good average No. pupils, 35; No. officers, 4; No. teachers, 3; No. classes, 3; amount of offering, \$26.00; other remarks, have a good league work; paid pastor, \$261.00; paid evangelist, \$14.00; paid for publication, \$5.00; paid for supplies, \$24.00; miscellaneous expenditures, \$20.00; to Association, \$4.00 for minutes; total income, \$388.50; total expenditure, \$354.00; balance, \$24.50; value of Church Property, \$1000.00; pastor's name and address, Rev. Tiff Covington, Belleview, Texas, Route 2.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church: Ministers, Rev. J. H. Haney and Rev. Frank Lamar; deacons, J. W. Taylor, W. D. Phillips, R. J. Nabors and Fred Anderson.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 20th day of August, 1941,

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

Since the invitation to the West Fork Association was not included in any of the letters of first reading, it was moved and carried that the next session convene with New Salem Church for next session.

PLEASANT MOUND—The Pleasant Mound Church to the West Fork Association when convened with Gartman's View Church at Comanche, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved: Sister Della White, Bro. Lee McGowan and Sister Thelma McGowan. Alternates, Bro. Jake Fuller, Sis. Mildred Fuller and Sis. Lorene Inman, whom we pray you will receive to sit with you, to aid in your Godly deliberations.

State of religion, good; members received this year, 10; by letter, 4; by baptism, 6; total membership, 209; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 60; number of officers, 3; teachers, 4; classes 4; paid pastor \$360.00; paid evangelist, \$70.27; mis-

cellaneous expenditures, \$106.06; for missions, \$21.23 to Association, \$6.00; total income, \$630.33; total expenditures, \$512.21; value of church property, \$1500.00. Pastor's name and address, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rt. 2, Bellevue, Texas.

Names of ministers and daecons belonging to our church: Ministers, Rev. Tiff Covington, Rev. Clyde Shultz, Rev. C. C. Lamb and Rev. C. H. Perry. Deacons, Bro. J. T. Reeder, Bro. L. J. White, Bro. Arch James and Bro. J. W. Broom.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 23rd day of August, 1941.

Rev. Tiff Covington, Moderator.
Mrs. Ruby Lamb, Clerk.

FORT WORTH—The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church to the West Fork Association when convened with Gartman's View Church at Comanche, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved: Sister Avella Killough; Sister Moselle Lowery, Sister Maud Wier and Bro. A. L. Gardner; alternates, Bro. C. B. Wier, Sister Earl Eagleton, Sr., 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, 29; by letter, 10; by baptism, 19 total membership, 139; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 78; number of officers, 2; teachers, 8; classes, 8; amount of offering, \$1,804.50; paid pastor, \$1,370.00; paid evangelist, \$19.18; paid for building and repair, \$591.06; paid for supplies, \$35.35; miscellaneous expenditures, \$272.87; to association, \$20.62; total income, \$2,432.65; total expenditures, \$2,288.46; balance, \$218.51; value of church property, \$6,500.00. Pastor's name and address, Rev. M. L. Sutton, 2704 Hanna Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church: Ministers, Rev. A. F. Ferguson, Rev. H. C. St. John and Rev. John Lucas. Deacons, Bro. J. W. Kirk, Bro. Geo. Bassham and Bro. W. M. Howard.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 6th day of August, 1941.

Rev. M. L. Sutton, Moderator.
Sister Helen Lowery, Clerk.

WEATHERFORD—To the West Fork Association of Free-Will Baptists when convened with Gartman View church 1941.

Delegates: Sister Brooks and Leona Measures, and Sister Evylan Turner, whom we pray you receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

State of religion, good; number died, 2; total membership, 50; condition of Sunday School, fair; paid pastor, \$132.00; pastor, J. A. Brooks, Weatherford, Texas, Route 5.

Ministers: C. J. Turrentine, Ft. Worth, Tex., Henry Measures, Weatherford, Tex.

From New Hope Church, Parker County, Texas.

Done in conference, Aug. 17, 1941.

Elzie Morris, Moderator.

R. L. White, Clerk.

P. O. Weatherford, Tex., R. 5.

COMANCHE — The First Free Will Baptist Church to the West Fork Association when convened with Gartman View Church at Comanche, Texas.

We send as delegates, our beloved: Sister Sylvia Burks; Sister Maud Ragin and Sister Ida Mae Brooks, 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, 17; by letter, 9; by baptism, 8; dismissed, 16; total membership, 47; condition of prayer meeting, good; condition of Sunday School, good; average number of pupils, 55; number of officers, 2; teachers, 5; classes, 5; amount of offering, \$16.50; paid pastor, \$45.00; paid evangelist, \$12.00; paid for building and repair, \$77.60; paid for supplies, \$5.05; miscellaneous expenditures, \$12.00; to Association, \$2.00; total income, \$199.55; total expenditures, \$271.70; balance, \$71.75; value of church property, \$500.00. Pastor's name and address, Rev. M. R. Gaines, Comanche, Texas.

Names of ministers and deacons belonging to our church: Ministers, Rev. M. R. Gaines, Rev. R. H. Rogers and Rev. L. F. Burks. Deacons, Alpha Hughes, J. P. Hughes, Raymond Lane.

Done by order of the church assembled in conference, this 20th day of August, 1941.

Rev. M. R. Gaines, Moderator.

R. H. Rogers, Clerk.

WEATHERFORD, TEXAS—The First Free Will Baptist Church of Weatherford, Texas, to the West Fork Association, Greetings:

We send as our delegates, Mrs. Mattie Jackson, Mrs. H. O. Fawks, and Rev. Eddie Brown.

Number of members received this year, 6; number dismissed this year, 4; total number of members, 43; names of ministers, J. M. Walker, Mrs. Verda Walker, L. C. Caraway, E. H. Brown, all of Weatherford. Name and address of new pastor for coming year, Rev. John A. Brooks, Weatherford, Texas, Route 5.

Amount paid out for Sunday School Supplies, \$15.00; amount paid out for incidentals, \$18.00; amount paid out for church repairs, \$40.00; amount paid out for insurance, \$4.00; amount paid out for pastor, \$80.00; amount paid out for minutes, \$3.00. Total paid out \$160.00.

We hope that you will receive our Delegates to sit in the Association with you, and help you in your work. The prayers of the members of the church are with you.

This done in conference with members of the church, August 10, 1940.

Rev. Mrs. Verda Walker, Moderator.
J. W. Harley, Clerk.

Since writing the report, the church house burned. It was burned early Tuesday morning, August 26. We don't know how it caught. It was partially covered by insurance, but not near enough to replace it.

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 refer-

ence 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 to 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 members of 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 perpetrate a union among us, and to preserve and maintain correspondence with each other, do therefore ordain this Constitution for our better 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 in their letters may send obituaries of any who have died during the year, that we may keep 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 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 Savior 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, perseverance 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 whom-

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.

