

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**ZION HOPE NO. 2 ASSOCIATION**  
**of**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Held With**  
**MT. VIEW CHURCH**  
**Beginning on Thursday night**  
**before the first Sunday**  
**in August, 1948**

**OFFICERS**

Moderator	Eld. Doyle Dipboye Fort Smith, Ark.
Assistant Moderator .....	Eld. Charles Graham Mountainburk, Ark.
Clerk .....	Frank Francis Charleston, Ark.
Assistant Clerk .....	Sis. Doyle Dipboye Fort Smith, Ark.

The next annual session of this association will meet at the North Side Free Will Baptist Church at 3300 Walnut Street, Fort Smith, Ark. on Thursday night before the third Sunday in September, 1949.

Eld. Doyle Dipboye to preach the Introductory sermon on Thursday night followed by Eld. Steve Smith.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye to preach the Memorial sermon on Saturday at 11:00 a.m. followed by Eld. Charles Graham.

# PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the thirty-fourth annual session of the Zion Hope Association No. 2 of Free Will Baptists held with the Mt. View Church of Charleston, Ark. beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in August, 1948.

Meeting was called to order by the past Moderator Eld. Charles Graham.

Songs were sung by the audience followed by prayer.

Bro. Tommy Robertson filled the stand followed by I. N. Wilson.

Bro. Doyle Dipboye was elected Moderator and Bro. Charles Graham Assistant Moderator. Bro. Frank Francis was elected Clerk and Mrs. Doyle Dipboye Assistant Clerk.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Doyle Dipboye.

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## Friday Morning

Opened by song, "Bring Them In".

Moderator read 118th Psalm.

Prayer by Bro. Sam Sutherland.

The following letters were read: Mt. View, Catcher, Hackett, North Side, Freedom, Graphic, and Kenner Chapel.

Letters were approved by song and handshake by all.

Rules of Order were read by the Assistant Moderator, Eld. Charles Graham.

The following committees were appointed:

Divine Service: Sis. Will Slack, Sis. Grace Osburn, Bro. Jim Gregory.

Arrangement: Eld. Sam Sutherland, Eld. J. H. C. Jordan, Eld. Tommy Robertson.

Obituary: Sis. Thomas Hagan, Bro. C. J. Brown, Bro. Junior Philips, and Sis. Jim Gregory.

Sunday School: Ladema Francis, Sis. Fred Kaundart, and Bro. Claude Philips.

Report of Treasurer of last Association given by Bro. Glenn Dipboye. Report approved.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye was re-elected Treasurer.

The Clerk was authorized to write a recommendation for Eld. E. W. Simkins to Eureka Springs Association.

Eld. and Mrs. Glenn Dipboye, and Eld. and Mrs. Jake Scott were elected as delegates to the old Mt. Zion Association and the Antioch Association.

Delegates to the State Association at Pine Hill church were elected as follows: Bro. Wayne Bonnewell, Bro. and Sis. Jim Gregory.

Motion carried to send \$30.00 for paying for trip and care of minutes while at the State Association.

Motion carried that the Moderator be given authority to write a letter to the delegates to attend any association.

Motion carried that the Association not consider churches asking for Association by statement when there were churches asking for it by letter.

Dismissed in prayer by Eld. Charles Graham.

Recess.

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### Friday 11:00 A. M.

The 11:00 o'clock service was opened by song, "Hand in Hand with Jesus".

Prayer by Eld. Jake Scott.

Message by Eld. Charles Graham Hebrews 11 chapter last verse. Topic, "God Provides for Us". Followed by Bro. Silas Lovett. Hebrew 1:1. Topic "God Gives Us an Opportunity".

Song and handshake by all.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. I. J. Wilson.

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### Friday Afternoon

Conference opened by song "Where We'll Never Grow Old".

Moderator, Eld. Doyle Dipboye read introduction the thirteenth chapter of St. John.

Prayer by Eld. Tommy Robertson.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected to have minutes printed.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected to preach the memorial sermon followed by Eld. Charles Graham at next Association.

Eld. Doyle Dipboye will preach the Introductory Ser-

mon with Eld. Steve Smith to follow.

Partial report of Divine Service Committee read.

Dismissed for 10 minute recess.

Opening Song, "I Want to be a Worker".

Report was made by the Ordination Committee that after due consideration they found Bro. Luther Clark has approved himself for ordination.

Bro. Luther Clark took the stand for the 2:30 service followed by Eld Oscar Crabtree. Topic, "The Fishermen".

Ordination service of Bro. Luther.

The Ordination Committee consisted of Eld. Tommy Robertson, Eld. J. H. C. Jordan, and Eld. Charles Graham.

Final report of the Associational Evangelist, Eld. Glenn Dipboye was read and accepted.

Arrangement Committee made the suggestion that the Association be moved back to Thursday night before the third Sunday in September. Carried.

Motion carried that we recommend our ministers to conduct one or more revivals before they go before the ordination Council to be ordained and all ministers must come before the Council before they are ordained.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Glenn Dipboye.

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### Friday Night

Opened by song, "The Old Ship of Zion".

Prayer by Bro. Steve Smith.

Song.

Devotional service led by Bro. Jim Gregory.

Song.

Message by Eld. Jack Scott. Topic, "Erect an Altar for God". Followed by a message by Bro. Glen Dipboye.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Jim Gregory.

### Saturday Morning

Congregational singing, "Kneel at the Cross".

Prayer by Bro. Luther Clark.

Moderator reading was taken from first Psalm.

Reading of letters. Accepted and Delegates seated.

Sunday School Committee final report was received, accepted, and committee dismissed. Committee reported all Sunday Schools in good condition.

Report of the Arrangements Committee was received.  
The League was received into the Association.

A League Union sponsored by Rev. Doyle Dipboye was organized in Zion Hope No. 2 Association meetings to be held every three months. Officers for the coming year: President, Doyle Dipboye, Sec., Texana Bailey. League Council: Link Roberts, J. E. Dye, James Almond J, A. Joshlin.

Next meeting to be with Mt. View Church near Charleston.

Final Obituary Committee report received and committee dismissed.

Final report of the Divine Service Committee received and committee dismissed.

Conference adjourned until 1:00 p.m.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Albert Rozell.

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### Saturday 11:00 A. M.

Song, "Rock of Ages".

Prayer by Bro. Jack Philips.

Bro. Rupert Pixley brought the message from Rev. 14:- 22, followed by Bro. Albert Rozell.

Song and handshake.

Dismissed in prayer.

At the noon hour a bountiful dinner was spread on the ground.

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### Saturday Afternoon

Song, "There is an All Seeing Eye".

Scripture reading by the Moderator, Doyle Dipboye, in St. John 1:14-15.

Prayer by Bro. Wayne Bonewell.

Final report of Arrangement Committee was accepted and committee discharged.

Evangelist for Association for coming year voted on. Bro. Tommy Robertson was elected.

The Association will be held at the North Side Church, 3300 Walnut St., Fort Smith, Ark.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye was elected to vote the Bill of Thanks at this Association.



Song, Just steal away and pray".

Prayer by Bro. Glen Dipboye.

Song.

Bro. Glenn Dipboye gave the Bill of Thanks to the people of the Mt. View Church.

Prayer by Bro. D. K. Woods.

Message by Bro. Doyle Dipboye in St. John. Topic, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel." He was followed by Bro. Aurby Rozell.

Report of Credential Committee received and accepted. The same committee was re-elected for the coming year. Committee consists of Elders T. J. Robertson, Aurbey Rozell, and J. H. C. Jordan.

A free will offering of \$15.40 was given to Bro. P. J. Mullins to help because of long illness and death in his family.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wayne Bonewell.

### Saturday Night

Bro. Steve Smith was appointed to bring the message but he was unable to be there so Eld. Glen Dipboye brought the message which was folled by Communion and Feet Washing services.

Eld. J. H. C. Jordan and Eld. S. A. Southerland were to bring the message if they were present. If not there, were to have services anyway.

Bro. Dipboye then called for a song and handshake and the congregation was dismissed by prayer by Eld. Albert Rozell.

Moderator, Eld. Doyle Dipboye, Fort Smith, Ark.

Ass't. Mod. Eld. Charles Graham, Mountainburg, Ark.

Clerk, Frank Francis, Charleston, Ark.

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## REPORTS

### Treasurer's Report

Due to the fact that we were to entertain the State Association in the year of 1947. I was elected chairman of the Provision Committee by the quarterly conference to provide funds for this occassion. It was agreed to by the quarterly conference that I be the Treasurer of this fund. There was no treasury at this time. I established a treasury

in the name of this association by asking for contributions from the churches. I was to be the treasurer of the same until we met in session at this association in this year of 1948. I hereby submit the following report:

Received and deposited the sum of .....	\$367.00
Checked out for expense of State Ass'n. ....	197.54
Checked out for expense of Nat'l. Ass'n. ....	25.00
Balance in Treasury .....	\$144.46

Treasurer, Glenn G. Dipboye

### Financial Receipts

Mt. View .....	\$ 3.00	\$ 2.00
Catcher .....		
Hackett .....		
North Side .....	3.00	2.00
Freedom .....	7.05	2.00
Graphic .....	2.00	2.00
Kenner Chapel .....	2.50	
Central .....	5.00	4.00
Armour .....		
New Hope .....	1.25	2.50
Mt. Burg .....	2.00	2.50
Pleasant Grove .....	2.00	3.00
81 Church .....	2.00	2.00
Balance .....	\$29.70	\$29.50

### Divine Service Committee—

Friday morning—Eld. Charles Graham to preach followed by Eld. Silas Lovett.

Friday afternoon—Eld. Luther Clark and Oscar Crabtree.

Friday night—Eld. Jake Scott to preach followed by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Saturday afternoon—Eld. Doyle Dipboye followed by Eld. Aubrey Rozell.

Saturday night—Eld. Steve Smith.

Sunday morning—Eld. J. H. C. Jordan followed by Sam Southerland.

### Committee:

Sis. Will Slack  
Sis. Edna Hopkins  
Sis. J. E. Gregory

## Sunday School Report—

Mountainburg—No report made.

Kenner Chapel—Enrollment not listed, average number of pupils, 35.

Catcher—No report made.

Graphic—No report made.

First F. W. B. Church—Enrollment not listed. Average attendance, 110.

Central—Enrollment not listed. Average No. pupils, 30.

New Hope—Enrollment not reported. Average attendance, 20.

Independence—Enrollment not listed. Average attendance, 30.

North Side Church—Enrollment not listed. Average attendance, 113.

Pleasant Grove—Enrollment not listed. Average attendance, 15.

Mountain View—Enrollment not listed. Average attendance, 30.

81 Church—Average No. of pupils, 40.

Shady Grove—Average No. of pupils, 35.

Freedom—Average No. of pupils, 30.

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## Church Membership

Pleasant Grove—Resident, 28; non resident, 14.

Freedom—Resident, 40; non-resident, 44.

Shady Grove—Resident, 52; non-resident, 6.

North Side—Resident, 83; non-resident, 1.

Independence—Resident, 20; non-resident, 8.

Mt. View—Resident, 23; non-resident, 15.

81 Churrh—Resident, 36; non-resident 25.

Catcher—Resident, 29; non-resident, 7.



Central—Resident, 29; non-resident, 7.

Mountainburg—Membership not reported.

First F. W. B. Church, Ft. Smith—Not reported.

Graphic—Membership not reported.

Kenner Chapel—Membership not reported.

These 14 churches represented by letter. Lock, (88)  
Long Elm Churches failed to represent.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye,  
Supervisor of printing of minutes

### **Credential Committee—**

We, the Credential Committee, report that we have 16 ministers who have complied with rules and made a written report to the Association. They are intitled to a yearly certificate of good standing. They are as follows.

Eld. Ray Purdom—Sermons preached, 85; churches pastored, 1; professions witnessed, 5; additions to the church, 49; churches organized, 2; miles traveled, 3760; money received, \$35.00.

Eld. T. J. Robertson—Sermons preached, 93; revivals held, 5; professions witnessed, 20; baptized, 3; churches organized, 1; funerals preached, 5; miles traveled, 2759; money received, \$160.48; expense, \$68.98; balance, \$91.50.

Eld. J. A. Joslin—Sermons preached, 25; revivals conducted, 2; professions witnessed, 9; baptized, 2; churches organized, 1.

Eld. Roy Rose—I have preached 3 sermons.

Eld. Albert Rozell—Sermons preached, 70; churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 2; professions witnessed, 11; baptized, 5; additions to church, 27; churches organized, 2; miles traveled, 3773; money received, \$93.06.

Eld. J. A. Smith—A record of my ministry has not been kept. I am pastoring 1 church. I preach as many as two or more sermons a month but to say definitely to any of this work might be over or under estimated.

Eld. Oscar Crabtree—Churches pastored, 2; revivals conducted, 3; professions witnessed, 5; baptized, 9.

Eld. J. K. Woods—Professions witnessed, 7; miles traveled, 1227; money received.

Eld. Charles Graham—Sermons preached, 54; churches pastored, 3; miles traveled, 1206; money received, \$206.

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Eld. Tom Nolan—Sermons preached, 24; baptized, 2; miles traveled, 248; money received, \$10.15.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye—Sermons preached, 160; revivals conducted, 9; professions witnessed, 101; baptized, 25; funerals preached, 9; miles traveled, 4000; money received, \$1080.25. Expense \$140.00; balance, \$940.25.

Eld. Doyle Dipboye—Sermons preached, 163; churches pastored, 1; revivals conducted, 6; professions witnessed, 23, baptized, 32; additions to church, 21; received, \$1300.00.

Eld. Aubrey Rozell—Sermons preached, 66; churches pastored, 2; revivals conducted, 5; professions witnessed, 17; baptized, 13; additions to church, 9; churches organized, 1; funerals conducted, 3; miles traveled, 2373; received, \$185.00.

Eld. Jake Scott—Sermons preached, 78; revivals conducted, 2; professions witnessed, 26; additions to church, 4; miles traveled, 1408; money received, \$71.50.

Eld. J. H. C. Jordon—Sermons preached, 51; miles traveled, 1145; money received, \$80.00.

Eld. S. A. Sutherland—Sermons preached, 62; churches pastored, 1; baptized, 6; additions to church, 20; funerals preached, 1; miles traveled, 2100; received, \$150.15; expense, \$45.25.

Also nine others in good standing are: R. E. Pexley, Burl Nye, Gilbert Pixley, P. J. Mullen, Ben Pixley, A. R. Brooks, Joe Lovette, Earl Gentry, D. D. Peters.

As to the standing of Virgil Walker, Sam Robertson, and J. A. Card we do not know. We also have a licensed minister, Bro. Robert Saaterfield.

#### Credential Committee:

Eld. T. J. Robertson

Eld. Aubrey Rozell

Eld. J. H. C. Jordan

#### Sunday School—

We, the Sunday School Committee, report that our Sunday School reports are either good or fair. We urge every mother and father to go to Sunday School and take their children not only on church days but every Sunday.

#### Committee:

Miss Ladema Francis

Mrs. Fred Kaundart  
Mr. Claud Philips

### Obituary—

Sis. Lula May Mapier, Daughter of Mrs. Lizzie Brown of Natural Dam, Ark. and of the late Sam Brown, departed July 9, 1948 at the age of 50 years. Funeral was conducted at the Hall Cemetary at Natural Dam, Ark. by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Sis. Myra Stubblefield, born March 7, 1907, departed Feb. 27, 1948. Funeral was conducted at Mt. Hope Methodist Church by Elders Glenn Dipboye and Charles Graham burial in Mt. Hope Cemetary. She was a member of the Methodist Church at Vesta but she and her family were closely associated with the Mt. View F. W. B. Church.

Sis. Mary K. Oliver, born Oct. 6, 1885, departed Oct. 25, 1947. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove F. W. B. Church near Natural Dam and Uniontown; Funeral was conducted by Eld. Glenn Dipboye. Burial at Fairview Cemetary at Vanburen, Ark.

Aunt Mary Rodden, mother of Rev. Burl Nye, reported deceased by Catcher where she was a member.

Ena Dean Rose, four year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eura Rose. Born June 29, 1943/departed Sept. 24, 1947 at a hospital in Enid, Okla. Her parents were members of the Pleasant Grove Church and her father was an ordained deacon of the church. Funeral was conducted at the Hall Cemetary by Eld. Glenn Dipboye.

Sis. Mor Moore born Jan. 11, 1909 near Graphic, Ark. departed Oct. 18, 1947. She was a faithful member of the F. W. B. Church at Graphic. Funeral was conducted at the Graphic church by Eld. T. J. Robertson and Rupert Pixley.

Sis. Mullins, wife of Eld. Peas Mullins, born Dec. 7, 1872 in Boxey, Ark. departed this life June 7, 1948 at her home at Kenner Chapel. She was a faithful member of the F. W. B. Church. Funeral was conducted at Kenner Chapel Church by Elders Ben Pixely and Charles Graham.

Marion Harvey, born Aug. 27, 1864, departed Aug. 16, 1948. Not a member of any church. Funeral conducted by Bro. Tommy Robertson.

Aunt Mary Sexton age 69 faithful member of the F. W. B. Church. Funeral conducted by Eld. Tommy Robertson.

Sis. Leora Goins passed away Oct. 28, 1948. She was 48 years of age a member of the Shady Grove Church.

Obituary Committee:

Sis. Thomas Hogan  
Bro. C. J. Brown  
Bro. Junior Philips  
Sis. Jim Gregory

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**ORDAINED MINISTERS PRESENT**

Eld. Albert Rozell	Eld. Glenn Dipboye
Eld. J. K. Woods	Eld. Luther Clark
Eld. R. E. Pixley	Eld. Sammy Southerland
Eld. Ray Purdom	Eld. Charles Graham
Eld. Jake Scott	Eld. Doyle Dipboye
Eld. Tommy Robertson	Eld. J. H. C. Jordan
Eld. I. G. Wilson	Eld. Steve Smith
Eld. Silas Lovett	Eld. Oscar Crabtree
Eld. Aubry Rozell	Eld. Arthur Joslin

**Evangelist's Report**

From Aug., 1947 to Aug., 1948

Independence Church .....	\$ 115.00
Freedom Church .....	50.00
Mountainburg Church .....	17.00
First Ft. Smith Church .....	40.00
North Side Ft. Smith Church .....	150.00
Pleasant Grove .....	45.00
Mountain View .....	50.00
Catcher including personal offering .....	30.00
New Hope (Adams) including personal offering .....	20.00
Christian Union No. 2 (Lock) .....	2.75
Graphic Church .....	2.50
81 Church .....	40.00
Kenner Chapel including personal offerings .....	20.00
Central Church .....	30.00
Lone Elm (88) Church .....	3.00



Shady Grove .....	6.00
From Churches and their communities in our Ass'n. ....	\$ 621.25
From revival work in other associations .....	160.00
Tithes and offerings by Eura Rose .....	110.00
Tithes and offerings by Euel Allen .....	73.00
Eld. Douglas Peters .....	25.00
Eld. Oscar Crabtree .....	2.00
Eld. Ben Pixley .....	3.00
Earl Rice .....	10.00
Ford Smith .....	5.00
Tithes from Mrs. Alta Johnson .....	5.00
Eld. Tom Nolan .....	1.00
Eld. Ray H. Rose .....	20.00
Eld. J. H. C. Jordan .....	13.00
Taleum Rozell .....	20.00
Eld. Aubrey Rozell .....	5.00
Total receipts .....	\$1080.25
Total Expense .....	140.00
Balance .....	\$ 940.25

#### Remarks:

Quite a large sum of the reported finance was given me because of my illness during the summer and spring. I received some help that is not listed because I was afraid it would not be satisfactory. It was not in any way connected with this report. Every year I report quite a sum of finance that I would receive whether or not I held this position. I have had 12 weeks of illness at a very busy time for a minister that is active in the service, but in spite of this fact God has blessed me in my work prior to these last three months in such a way that I have preached 160 sermons, traveled 4,000 miles, witnessed 101 conversions during service rendered, conducted and assisted in 9 revivals, baptized 25, conducted 9 funerals, have visited every church in the Association and most of them several times if it had not been for my long illness. I will not consider the position as Ass'n. Evangelist for another year, but I might later on. I want to be loose to do local preaching and conduct revivals where I feel impressed to do so, for God has blessed my work in different fields. I am highly in favor of an evangelist. I will try to show it by getting behind them financially and spiritually, and urging churches to do the same. I think I have filled this



position for 10 or 11 years and I will use that experience to help make it easier for the coming evangelist regardless of whom this association may choose.

### Post Script—

I have not rewritten the record of proceedings as recorded by the Clerk, but have sent them just as they were written together with committee reports and Statistical reports arranged and written by myself from information contained in letters to Miss Ladena Francis of Charleston, and she has typewritten all these and sent them back to me. We have done our best to get out a good minute, and this manuscript is being mailed to the press 10 days after adjournment.

Eld. Glenn Dipboye, Supervisor of printing of minutes

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### POOR PILGRIM AND STRANGER

Written by and printed in memory of Grandpa Davis,  
the late Rev. J. K. P. Davis.

I am a poor pilgrim and stranger  
Turned out in this world to roam;  
I have no continuing city  
Or one I can call my own.  
I've heard of a heavenly railroad,  
I've heard of a heavenly train,  
where Jesus alone is the agent,  
Salvation by faith is His name.

#### Chorus

Sometimes I'm sorely tossed and driven  
Ond I know not where I roam;  
I've heard of a city called Heaven  
I've started to make it my home.

Our fathers and mothers crossed over,  
Our brothers and sisters are there;  
No money could purchase their tickets,  
For Jesus paid their fare.  
This track was decreed in Heaven  
Before our world began;  
The rolling stock is the free agent,

“By Grace and through Faith” is the plan.  
The agent he wrote me a ticket  
When I was about sixteen;  
He never did charge me a penny  
But told me to always keep clean.  
The world and the flesh and the Devil  
Tried hard our train to derail,  
But we hear the sweet voice of Jesus,  
My word shall not utterly fail.

My good old companion has left me,  
She boarded that Heavenly train;  
When Jesus comes back for His jewels  
He'll bring her back with Him again,  
Repentance and faith are conditions,  
Baptism to all a command;  
If you fail to wash your feet after supper,  
You're building your house on the sand.

And now before taking the Supper  
Examine yourself one and all;  
Then freely partake of the emblems,  
Was the great admonition of Paul.  
Be sure you take oil my brother  
In vessels along with your lamps;  
For we all have to pass through the tunnel  
And the Devil has robbers and tramps.

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### **RULES OF ORDINATION**

1. Do you believe in the Total Depravity of the human heart? Answer: No.

2. Do you believe that infants are saved while in a state of innocence? Answer: I Do.

3. Do you believe in a Full and Free Salvation to all who will accept it on the Gospel terms? Answer: I Do.

4. Do you believe in a burial of a believer in Christ with water after he has been baptized into Christ by the Holy Ghost is the only baptism? Answer: I Do.

5. Do you believe that any man has a right in the Gospel to Repeat Baptism to such a subject? Answer: No.

6. Do you believe that Communion, Feet Washing and

Baptism are Gospel Ordinances and are to be taught and practiced until He comes again? Answer: I Do.

7. Will you solemnly pledge yourself to preach and practice the same God being your helper? Answer: I will by the help of God.

8. Do you believe that none will be finally saved but those who persevere in Holiness to the end? Answer: I Do.

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## 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 organization of the Association.

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

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## ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God, the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, and these three are equal in Divine essence, power and glory—Romans 1:20; I John 1:7; John 17:21.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written Word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice—Matt. 5:18; II Tim. 3:16.

3. We believe that God created man good and gave him holy commandments whereby he should live holy, but man voluntarily disobeyed the commandments of God, transgressed the law and fell under the just condemnation of the same whereby all mankind are sinners; not by constraint, but by choice; being partakers of the sinful nature attained by the fall, and that man is unable to save himself with his own power, but we see Jesus for the suffering of death crowned with glory, that He, by the Grace of God should taste death for every man—Gen. 3:7-17; Heb. 2:9.

4. We believe that Christ, by His death, burial and resurrection, purchased our pardon and offered it freely to all mankind upon the principles of repentance toward God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. He now commands all men everywhere to repent, therefore He saith: "Look unto me and be ye saved all ye ends of the earth, for I am God and there is none else"—Matt. 4:17; Isaiah 45:22; Acts 20:2-21; Acts 17:30.

5. We believe that adult persons must be regenerated and born of the Spirit of God if they inherit eternal life—John 3:3.

6. We believe that infants and idiots are saved by the merits of the Son of God—John 4:11; Deut. 1:39; Mk. 10:14; Lk. 18:16.



7. We believe that all Christians should persevere in grace and be faithful to the end if they inherit eternal life; for blessed are they that do His commandments that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates of the city—Matt. 24:13; Rev. 22: 14.

8. We believe that Baptism by immersion is the Apostolic mode, even the burial of the believer in water; and that Christ, who is our life, showed this humble example to his children and bids us walk therein—John 3:22; Matt. 3:16; 28:19,20; Romans 6:2-5.

9. We believe that God in His goodness displays His power of grace in a great degree in calling and qualifying His servants by the teaching of the Holy Ghost, and by the instructions of His blessed Word, to go forth and proclaim life and salvation. He bids us freely to come, and nothing prevents the salvation of any but their own stubborn rebellion and sinful refusal to come—I Cor. 12:13; Eph. 3:7; Rev. 22:17; Isa. 55:1.

10. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' feet are Divine Ordinances and should be observed by all His children—Mk. 14:22; John 13:4-14; Matt. 28:19-20; I Tim. 5:10.

11. We believe that none have a right to Baptism only those who have obtained a living hope in the Lord Jesus Christ, and none have the right to administer the same only those who are called of God, have come under the hands of the Presbytery of Elders; and each church ought to have a pastor, deacons and clerk, chosen by the church and to continue in office during the good pleasure of the same; and in dealing with disorderly members reference should be had to the 18th chapter of Matthew and other Scriptures relative to dealing with disorderly members. In all cases a majority shall rule, except in receiving members, which shall be unanimous—Tit. 1:5; Acts 14:23; II Cor. 6:6.

12. We believe it to be the duty of each church to assemble themselves together once a month and that it is the duty of the pastor of the church when setting forth the Lord's Supper to "let a man examine himself and so let him eat"—I Cor. 11:28; John 13:14; Heb. 10:25.

13. We believe that Sanctification and Holiness is a Bible doctrine, that immortality is God dwelling in the



light so when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to one another, and to study the happiness of the people of God in general and to be singly engaged to promote the honor and glory of God—Gal. 6:10; I John 2:9.

14. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, of both the just and the unjust. The resurrection of the just to glory and immortality in the presence of God, the unjust, to everlasting shame and banishment from the presence of God—Mt. 25:31-34; I Cor. 15:42-45; II Thes. 1:4-11; Rev. 20:12-15.

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## 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 knowledge of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ".

We will not forget the assembling of ourselves together for church conference, 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 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 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 effort for the salvation of the world. And now may the God of peace sanctify us wholly and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ.