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PROCEEDINGS

The 83rd Session of the Free Will Baptist Association met with the West View Free Will Baptist Church at Kingsport, Tennessee, May 8th and 9th, 1959 at 10:00 A.M.

The Conference was opened by the Clerk, P. H. Duncan, reading Psalm 39.

Services were then turned over to the Moderator, Elder Walter Glover. He opened the Conference by reading the National By-Laws.

Members of the Executive Board present:

Bro. Guy Culbertson

Bro. Floyd Starnes

Bro. Carl Perry

The Treasurer, Bro. Jim Pierson, was present.

The following Ministers belonging to Clinch Valley Association were present:

Elder W. J. Ashworth, Elder J. C. Barnett, Elder Pat Bishop, Elder James A. Boatright, Elder Ernest Bowen, Elder Walter Brickey, Elder Lonnie Brown, Elder Oscar Calhoun, Elder James Cassell, Elder James S. Castle, Elder Doyle Collier, Elder Erritt Darnell, Elder C. J. Flanary, Elder Carl France.

Elder W. H. Frazier, Elder Bill Gardner, Elder Tom Hall, Elder Garland Hammonds, Elder R. C. Hammonds, Elder J. T. Hartsock, Elder Harold Hawkins, Elder Milligan Herron, Elder Rufus Hood,

Elder Johnny Hooker, Elder Roy Jenkins, Elder Willie Jennings, Elder William Jones, Elder Fred Lane.

Elder Luther Lane, Elder William Lane, Elder Frank McCann, Elder Eugene Minton, Elder B. D. Proffitt, Elder A. F. Puckett, Elder L. W. Salling, Elder Jeff Salyers, Elder Roy Sampson, Elder Frank Smith, Elder John Smith, Jr., Elder Bill Vaughn, Elder W. E. Vicars, Elder Harry Whitaker.

Visiting Ministers present:

Elder Harley Brown, Elder R. L. Cowden
Licensee Minister: Elder Echol Webb.

Deacons present:

Bro. G. D. Bennett, Bro. Ray Booker, Bro. Jack Churchwell, Bro. E. H. Cox, Bro. Guy Culbertson, Bro. Ray Dingus, Bro. P. H. Duncan, Bro. Oscar Hartsock, Bro. A. H. Jordan, Bro. Charles Lane, Bro. Ralph McCamy, Bro. James Meyers, Bro. Carl Perry, Bro. Cecil Pierson, Bro. Worley Simms, Bro. Dewey Starnes, Bro. Cecil White, Bro. Ray Williams.

The Executive Board selected Elder J. C. Barnett to bring the message at 11:00 a.m. The service was opened by singing "I'll Live in Glory." Elder Barnett read Acts 18, using the 18th verse for a Text.

A motion was made by Bro. Floyd Starnes and seconded by Bro. Bill Vaughn, that the Conference adjourn and stand adjourned until 1:00 P.M. The motion

carried by vote. The services were dismissed with prayer by Elder James A. Boatright.

At 1:00 P.M., the Conference resumed by singing "Be a Light for Jesus," and prayer by Elder John Smith, Jr. The Clerk, Bro. P. H. Duncan, read Romans 12 for the Scripture. The meeting was turned over to the Moderator, Elder Walter Glover. The Clerk called the roll of Ministers, visiting Ministers, and Deacons present.

The Moderator asked for a report from the Quarterly Meetings.

The report from the Orebank Quarterly Meeting was read. The letter was approved, and the Delegate seated.

The letter from the Clinch River Quarterly Meeting was read. The letter was approved and Delegate seated.

The letter from the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting was read. The letter was approved and the Delegate seated.

The Moderator asked for delegates to the State Conference. Bro. John Stewart, Bro. Albert Hall, Sister Viola Bevins, Sister Sophia Darnell, Sister Della Green, were elected as Delegates.

A motion was made by Elder Bill Vaughn and seconded by Elder James A. Boatright, to send \$50.00 to the State Conference. Vote was taken and carried.

The Moderator asked for a motion to reduce the number of Minutes being

printed, as all of the Minutes were not being used. A motion was made by Elder Bill Vaughn and seconded by Elder J. T. Hartsock, that 600 copies of the Minutes be printed. This was voted and approved.

A motion was made by Elder James A. Boatright and seconded by Elder Bill Vaughn, that Bro. Carl Perry be retained on the Executive Committee for 3 years. This was voted and approved.

A motion was made at this time by Elder Bill Vaughn and seconded by Elder James A. Boatright, that the Conference adjourn and stand adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Saturday morning. This was voted and approved.

The Conference was closed by singing "Amazing Grace," and dismissed with prayer by Elder W. E. Vicars.

On Saturday morning, May 9th, 1959, the Conference was opened at 10:00 A.M., by singing "When The Redeemed Are Gathering In". The Clerk, Bro. P. H. Duncan, read John 15, for the scripture. Prayer was led by Elder Walter Brickey.

The Conference was then turned over to the Assistant Moderator, Elder E. T. Darnell. Elder Darnell asked the Clerk, Bro. P. H. Duncan, to read the Minutes of Friday's Session; both morning and afternoon.

All Ministers and Deacons were recorded. All Delegates were seated.

The letter from the Midway Quarterly Meeting was read. The letter was approved, and the Delegate seated.

The letter from the Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting was read. The letter was approved, and the Delegate seated.

The Executive Committee selected Elder Bill Vaughn to bring the message at 11:00 A.M. Elder Vaughn read II Peter 2, for the scripture. A motion was made and seconded that the Conference adjourn until 1:00 P.M.

The Conference was opened at 1:00 P.M. by singing "I'll Live In Glory"; Prayer by Elder Frank McCann.

The meeting was then turned over to Assistant Moderator, Elder Eritt Darnell, by request of Elder Walter Glover, Moderator.

Elder James A. Boatright, made a motion, seconded by Bro. Carl Perry, that present Ordaining Council be retained, consisting of Elder Earl Austin, Elder Bill Vaughn, Elder Tom Hall. Voted on and approved.

Elder Frank McCann was nominated to serve as Moderator of the next Association, which will be held at the Dingus Memorial Free Will Baptist Church at Dante, Virginia, on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1960. Elder Bill Vaughn nominated to serve as Assistant Moderator. Voted and approved.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

Letters were received from the following
Quarterly meetings:

Midway Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	John Stewart	
Number Churches		8
Number Ordained Ministers.....		11
Number Sunday Schools.....		7
Number Leagues		2
Number Prayer Meetings.....		3
Church Membership		265
Members received		1
Members dismissed by letter.....		3
Members deceased.....		2
Sunday School Enrollment.....		276
Total giving in Churches.....	\$878.96	
Pastor's Salary	222.08	
Evangelistic work	131.05	
Building and repairs.....	11.40	
Literature	65.00	
Miscellaneous	86.00	
Other	16.50	
Total Expenditures	523.09	
Education	27.99	
Orphanage	318.88	
Total outside expenditures.....	346.87	
Amount enclosed with letter.....	20.00	

Names of Pastors and Ministers belonging
to our Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.

Elder Walter Brickey, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder James A. Boatright, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder James Cassell, Dungannon, Va.
 Elder Earnest Carter, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Erritt Darnell, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Walker Darnell, Dungannon, Va.
 Elder Fred Lane, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Luther Lane, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder A. F. Puckett, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Lawnial Salling, Gate City, Va.

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Moderator
 Sophia Darnell, Clerk

Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting

Number Churches	7
Number Ordained Ministers.....	18
Number Licensed	5
Number Ordained Deacons	27
Number Sunday Schools	7
Number Leagues	5
Number Prayer Meetings	7
Church Membership	415
Members received	18
Members dismissed	16
Members deceased	6
Sunday School Enrollment	565
League Enrollment	164
Women's Auxiliary Membership	52
Total Giving in Churches.....	\$7,090.83
Pastors Salary	5,390.94
Evangelistic Work	469.92
Building and Repairs	7,757.80
Literature	216.64

Miscellaneous	1,634.72
Charity	265.98
Paint Fund for Orphanage	251.94
Total Expenditures	5,987.99
Foreign Missions	50.00
Home Missions	223.38
Orphanage	829.46
Total Outside expenditures	1,102.84
Value of Church property	30,000.00
Amount enclosed with letter	25.00

Ministers belonging to Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting:

Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lonnie Brown, Nickelsville, Va.
Elder John Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Leonard Cross (no address given)
Elder A. H. Dillard, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Bill Gardner, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Tom Hall, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Garland Hammonds
(no address given)
Elder R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Harold Hawkins, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Virgil Lovegrove, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Eugene Minton, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Frank Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder John Smith, Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Lyons Smith, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Pastors:

Elder J. C. Barnett, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Harley Brown, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder R. C. Hammonds, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Frank McCann, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder John Smith, Jr., Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Bill Vaughn, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Tom Hall, Moderator
 Helen Brown, Clerk

Clinch River Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	Boyd Glover
Number Churches.....	5
Number Sunday Schools.....	5
Total Membership.....	213
Average Number Pupils.....	200
General state of religion.....	Fair
Building and repairs.....	\$427.10
Education	213.38
Evangelistic efforts	155.26
Offering for Pastors.....	450.46
Free Will Baptist Orphanage.....	329.30
Clinch River Quarterly Meeting	
Sent Baptist Orphanage.....	20.00
Other church expenses and	
miscellaneous items	874.60
Amount enclosed with letter	25.00
Names of Ministers belonging to Clinch	
River Quarterly Meeting:	
Elder Emory Cook (Address not given)	
Elder Walter Glover, Dante, Va.	
Elder J. T. Hartsock, Dante, Va.	
Elder Jeff Salyer, Nickelsville, Va.	
Elder Harry Whitaker, Dante, Va.	

Elder Walter Glover, Moderator
 Lucille Justice, Clerk

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting

Delegate.....	Sister Lakie Starnes
Number Churches.....	8
Total Membership.....	185
Number Sunday Schools.....	7
Number Prayer Meetings.....	6
Average attendance	278
Number Members dismissed.....	2
Number Members deceased.....	1
Paid Pastors.....	\$351.97
Paid Visiting Ministers.....	304.33
Education and publication expenditures	126.76
Building and repairs.....	337.87
Miscellaneous expenditures	189.96
Amount sent to Children's Home....	282.00
Total expenditures.....	1,592.89
Treasurers report.....	88.85
Amount enclosed with letter.....	20.00

Names of Ministers belonging to Sunbright
Quarterly Meeting:

Elder R. L. Anderson, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Elder Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Elmer Barker, Dayton, Ohio
 Elder Carson Bishop, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Pat Bishop, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Ernest Bowen, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Oscar Ray Calhoun, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Luther Collins, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Elder John Crawford, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Carl France, Gate City, Va.
 Elder W. H. Frazier, Duffield, Va.

Elder Milligan Herron, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Roy Jenkins, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Willie Jennings, Gate City, Va.
 Elder William Jones, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Fred Lane, Gate City, Va.
 Elder William Lane, Hiltons, Va.
 Elder Wayland Owens, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder George Rhoton, Gate City, Va.
 Elder W. E. Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder W. H. Frazier, Moderator
 Vonda Davis, Clerk

Orebank Quarterly Meeting

State of religion.....	Good
Members received.....	3
Number Baptized.....	8
Number Dismissed.....	6
Number Churches.....	4
Total Membership.....	160
Average Number Pupils.....	149
Number Officers.....	9
Number Teachers.....	16
Paid Pastors.....	\$376.73
Paid Evangelists.....	188.00
Building and repairs.....	263.53
Amount enclosed with letter.....	25.00

Names and Addresses of Pastors and Ministers in our Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Earl G. Austin, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Selman Bowen, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Gordon Clark, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Doyle Collier, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flanary, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Rufus Hood, Duffield, Va.
 Elder Johnnie Hooker, Blountville, Tenn.
 Elder Charlie Jennings, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Roy Jennings, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Manse Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.
 Elder B. D. Proffitt,
 Indian Springs, Tenn.
 Elder Edward Ray, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Roy Sampson, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder George Willis, Weber City, Va.

Elder Doyle Collier, Moderator
 Jessie Rogers, Clerk

REPORT OF MINISTERS AS FOLLOWS:

Elder Earl Austin:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	150
Number Baptized	8
Members received into Church.....	8
Funerals held	6
Revivals conducted	2
Conversions witnessed	75
Received liberal offerings	

Elder W. J. Ashworth:

Revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	40
Conducted some funerals	
Preached several sermons	

Elder J. C. Barnett:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	1
Conversions witnessed	36
Number Baptized	7

Additions to Church	21
Funerals held	2
Money received	\$400.00

Elder Pat Bishop:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	70
Witnessed several conversions	
Donations	\$48.10

Elder Walter Brickey:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	60
Revivals conducted	1
Received liberal offerings	

Elder Ernest Bowen:

Sermons preached	7
Prayer Meetings conducted	10
Teacher of Adult Sunday School Class	

Elder James A. Boatright:

Sermons preached	13
Couples married	4
Memorial Services held	3
Funerals conducted	17
Donations	\$148.00

Elder James S. Castle:

Sermons preached	37
Revivals held	4
Sick room visits	30
Funerals held	1
Homes visited	19
Conversions witnessed	47

Elder Doyle Collier:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	75
Number Baptized	5
Revivals Conducted	1
Conversions witnessed	25
Offerings received	\$68.00
Amount enclosed with letter	1.00

Elder Oscar Ray Calhoun:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	2
Number Baptized	1
Offerings received	\$60.00

Elder James Cassell:

Churches pastored	1
Sunday Schools taught	1
Funerals held	4
Helped in revivals	

Elder Erritt T. Darnell:

Sermons preached	30
Revivals held	1
Funerals held	4
Number Baptized	1
Conversions witnessed	11
Churches pastored	2
Liberal offerings	
Enclosed in letter	\$2.00

Elder Walker Darnell:

Sermons preached	85
Helped in revivals	4
Conversions witnessed	6
Number Baptized	2
Churches pastored	1
Visited several sick rooms	
Offerings very liberal	

Elder C. J. Flanary:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	4
Conversions witnessed	11
Funerals conducted	1
Sermons preached	82
Received offerings—fair	
Enclosed in letter	\$2.00

Elder Carl France:

Have been ordained 3 months	
Preached several sermons	
Conversions witnessed	5

Elder W. H. Frazier:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	28
Offerings received	\$69.28

Elder Walter H. Glover:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	75
Revivals held	2
Conversions witnessed	6
Number Baptized	6
Received into church	3
Funerals held	5
Offerings received (approx.)	\$600.00

Elder Tom Hall:

Churches pastored	1
Funerals held	2
Received into church	2
Number Baptized	7
Conversions witnessed	50
Sermons preached	95
Offerings have been good	

Elder R. C. Hammonds:

Number Baptized	13
Funerals held	2
Sermons preached	72
Prayer meetings held	37
Churches pastored	1
Offerings	\$764.76
Part-time Radio Program	

Elder Harold Hawkins:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	5
Number Baptized	6
Conversions witnessed	24
Funerals held	2
Couples married	3
Sick rooms visited	29

Elder J. T. Hartsock:

Churches pastored	2
Couples married	2
Preached several sermons	
Donations liberal	

Elder Rufus W. Hood:

Churches pastored	1
Funerals held	10
Revivals held	1
Conversions witnessed	13
Sermons preached	110
Offerings received — fair	

Elder Milligan Herron:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	51
Helped in revivals	2
Conversions witnessed	23
Offerings received	\$48.79

Elder Johnnie Hooker:

Churches pastored	2
Sermons preached	197
Revivals held	9
Number Baptized	2
Funerals held	1
Conversions witnessed	85
Sick room visits	41
Homes visited	78
Prayer meetings held	48
Money received	\$61.00

Elder Willie Jennings:

Churches pastored (4 mos.)	1
Took into church	3
Sermons preached	65
Revivals held	2
Conversions witnessed	3
Number Baptized	8
Funerals held	5

Gave to needy	\$25.00
Offerings received	35.00
Gave to Church	50.00
Couples married	15
Enclosed in letter	2.00

Elder Roy E. Jenkins:

Churches pastored	1
Number Couples married	7
Funerals held	7
Sermons preached	97
Revivals held	1
Conversions witnessed	9
Offerings received	\$41.00

Elder William Jones:

Sermons preached	28
Helped in revivals	1
Prayer services conducted	8
Conversions witnessed	6

Elder William H. Lane:

Offerings received	\$21.75
Sermons preached	41
Revivals held	2
Conversions witnessed	6
Number Baptized	2

Elder Fred L. Lane:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	53
Number Baptized	9
Revivals held	4
Funerals held	1
Conversions witnessed	32
Offerings fair	

Elder Luther Lane:

Sermons preached	35
Funerals held	1
Revivals held	1
Preached once a month at 1 church	
Enclosed in letter	\$1.00

Elder Frank McCann:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	7
Funerals held	11
Couples married	1
Number Baptized	17
Offerings received	\$1,492.00

Elder A. F. Puckett:

Sermons preached	15
Conversions witnessed	4
Couples married	35
Sick room visits	3
Taught adult Sunday School Class	
Helped in Prayer Services	

Elder B. D. Proffitt:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	30
Funerals held	3
Conversions witnessed	10
Couples married	1
Offerings very good	

Elder Edward J. Ray:

Churches pastored	1
Sermons preached	68
Revivals held	2
Conversions witnessed	26
Number Baptized	7
Couples married	2
Funerals held	4
Accepted into church	7
Offerings received	\$75.00

Elder Jeff Salyer:

Sermons preached	28
Funerals held	6
Helped in several funerals	
Helped in several revivals	
Visited several sick homes	
Enclosed in letter	\$1.00

Elder Frank B. Smith:

Sermons preached	50
Prayer meetings held	10
Conversions witnessed	10
Appointments each month	2
Revivals held	2
Number Baptized	3
Offerings received	\$5.15

Elder John M. Smith, Jr.:

Churches pastored	1
Revivals held	3
Number Baptized	1
Funerals held	5
Couples married	2

Elder Lawnial W. Salling:

Churches pastored	1
Preached in other churches once each month	
Helped in revivals	2
Attended revivals in other churches	
Visited sick	
Offerings received	\$7.50

Elder W. E. Vicars:

Sermons preached	20
Memorial services	2
Homecoming services	1
Conversions and renewals witnessed	5

Elder Harry P. Whitaker:

Sermons preached	47
Revivals held	1
Number Baptized	4
Witnessed several conversions and renewals	
Offerings received	\$76.80
Enclosed in letter	1.00

Elder George Willis:

Revivals held	3
Conversions witnessed	42
Funerals held	2
Sermons preached	58
Number Baptized	1

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Minister's letters.....\$ 29.00
Received from Quarterly Meetings.... 115.00

The above amount was given to Bro. J. W. Pierson, Treasurer, by the Clerk, Bro. P. H. Duncan.

Elder Tom Hall made the motion, seconded by Elder Bill Vaughn, that the Association adjourn and stand adjourned until May, 1960, at Dingus Memorial Church. Vote was taken and approved. Services were dismissed with prayer by Elder William Lane.

Elder Walter Glover, Moderator
Elder Erritt Darnell, Asst. Moderator
P. H. Duncan, Clerk
Vonda Davis, Asst. Clerk

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 Savior and Lord.

4. *The Holy Spirit*: The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

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

6. *The Sinfulness of Man*: Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits 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 hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith, or the unreserved commital of one's self to Christ as Savior 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, 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 perpetrated under the Gospel; feet washing, and ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. *Tithing*: God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God has prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)

15. *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.

16. *Resurrection, Judgment 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.

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 Savior Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of our selves 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 every where hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling, that the Kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

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

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