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OF THE
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Association
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Free Will Baptist

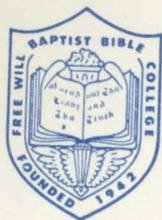
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OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR Elder Harold Free
ASSISTANT MODERATOR . . Elder L. W. Salling
TREASURER Jim Pierson
CLERK James Myers, Jr.
ASSISTANT CLERK Fronie Belle Myers

EXECUTIVE BOARD

2 years Guy Culbertson
3 years Bill Hillman
1 year Ralph McCamy

The next session will be held with the Doran
Addition Church in the Tri-City Quarterly
Meeting, Friday and Saturday before the 2nd
Sunday in May, 1972.

PROCEEDINGS

95th SESSION

The 95th session of the Clinch Valley Association met with the Hills Chapel Church on Friday and Saturday, May 7th and 8th, 1971. The session was opened by singing, "Victory in Jesus," and "At the Cross." The clerk introduced the host pastor Elder George Hubbard who welcomed the conference to the Hills Chapel Church. The clerk read from Revelations, Chapter 2, verses 8 through 15, altar prayer was led by Guy Culbertson.

The clerk called the session to order and introduced the moderator, Elder Harold Hawkins who proceeded with the business. Officers present were:

Harold Hawkins - Moderator

Eckel Herron - Asst. Moderator

James Myers, Jr. - Clerk

Mrs. James Myers, Jr. - Asst. Clerk

Jim Pierson - Treasurer

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Ralph McCamy

Guy Culbertson

Guy France was selected to serve in the absence of Charlie Lane.

Enrollment of ministers were Elders: Emmitt Lane, Jimmy Combs, Eckel Herron, Willie Jennings, Richard Harris, Edgar Baltimore,, Richard Castle, John Smith, Jr., James Boatright, Willie Vicars, B. D. Proffitt, Robert Ramey, George Hubbard, Harold Hawkins, W. J. Ashworth, Carson Bishop, Lee Smith, Luther Lane, L. W. Salling, Jack Shuler, Eritt T. Darnell, John Pierson, Carl France, Eckel Carter, Harold Free, Jimmie Williams, Rufus Hood, Oscar Qualls, Milligan Herron, Lonnie

Townsend, Pat Bishop, Cline Massie, and Joe Osborne

Enrollment of Deacons were: M. A. Step, R. M. Bledsoe, Guy France, Millard Hill, Guy Culbertson, Martin Roberts, R. F. Quillen, Kyle Carter, Ralph McCamey, James Myers, Jr., W. K. Hillman, Jack Ketron, Clyde Qualls, Emory Ashworth, Cecil Pierson, Omer Fields, James Baker, and Orlie Kern.

The moderator called for letters from the Quarterly Meetings.

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

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

The letter from the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting was read and approved, and the delegate seated.

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

The Executive Board selected Elder Edgar Baltimore to bring the Friday morning message.

The morning worship service was opened by singing, "When He Put a Little Sunshine In," "I'd Like to Talk it Over With Him," and "At Calvary." Elder Edgar Baltimore read from the 13th Chapter of Hebrews, verses 1 through 3, and brought an inspiring message on, "Let Brotherly Love Continue." While singing, "Amazing Grace", and "I'll Meet You by the River," fellowship was enjoyed by all. Elder James Boatright dismissed the service in prayer. The conference was served a wonderful meal which was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session was opened by singing, "When Jesus Comes in the Clouds," and "I'm in the Gloryland Way." The assistant clerk, Sister Myers read from the 28th Chapter of Genesis, verses 11 through 22, altar prayer was led by Elder Willie Ashworth.

The association approved the printing of 500 minutes.

Delegates elected to State Association were: Lillie Kerns, Helen Castle, Lola Proffitt, Ruth France, and Parthena Smith.

The association voted to send \$150.00 with our Association letter to the State. All Ministers reports that had been received on Friday were read, and cards granted. Brother R. F. Quillen recessed the Friday session with prayer.

The Saturday session was opened by singing, "Hand in Hand with Jesus," "I Have Somebody with Me", and "Where We Will Never Grow Old". The clerk read from Psalms 66, verses 1 through 7, altar prayer was led by Elder W. E. Vicars.

Jack Ketron and Bill Hillman were selected to serve on the Executive Board for the Saturday session in the absence of Charlie Lane and Ralph McCamy.

Elder John Smith, Jr. gave a report on the Children's Home.

The treasurer's report of \$411.00 — \$150.00 = \$261.00 was given by the Treasurer Brother Jim Pierson. This report was received and approved by the association.

Brother Bill Hillman was elected to the Executive Board for a three year term.

The Executive Board selected Elder Robert Ramey to bring the morning message. The worship service was opened by singing, "I've Seen the Light", "I'll Fly Away", and "When Jesus Comes In the Clouds". The conference sang, "Happy Birthday" for Sister Boatright who was 72 today. Brother and Sister Myers sang, "When He Reached Down His Hand For Me", and Sister Myers sang, "Help Me to be More Like Jesus Everyday." Sister Linda Jarrett sang, "I Want My Lord to be Satis-

fied With Me." Elder Ramey read from the 2nd Chapter of Hebrews, verse 1, and brought a soul stirring message on, "Give heed to the things which you have heard, lest at any time you should let them slip."

Elder Harold Free was elected moderator, and Elder L. W. Salling assistant moderator of the next session which the Executive Board sent to the Doran Addition Church in Kingsport, Tennessee on Friday and Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1972.

These minutes were read and approved by the association before adjournment.

Harold Hawkins, Moderator

Eckel Herron, Assistant Moderator

James Myers, Jr. Clerk

Mrs. James Myers, Jr., Assistant Clerk

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Sophia Darnell
Number of Churches	9
No. of Ordained Ministers	17
No. of Licensed Ministers	1
No. of Ordained Deacons	21
No. of Sunday Schools	8
Church Membership	372
Members Received	20
Members Dismissed	14
Members Deceased	2
Sunday School Average	283
Pastors Salaries	\$1,917.27
Evangelistic Work	677.43

Building & Repairs	797.39
Literature	419.97
Charity	635.61
Janitorial Services.....	26.00
F. W. Baptist Home	1,166.85
Flowers	410.40
Superannuation	26.00
Miscellaneous Expenses.....	833.57
Total Expenditures	6,885.49
Value of Church Property	56,000.00
Amount Enclosed in Letter	50.00

Walter Brickey, Moderator

Sophia Darnell, Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Midway Quarterly Meeting.

Elder James A. Boatright, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder Luther Lane, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Elder John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace St., Kingsport
Tennessee

Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Rt. 1 Box 132, Fort Blackmore,
Virginia

Elder Eckel Carter, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Robert Mathis, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder Walker Darnell, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Wells Rd., Kingsport,
Tennessee

Elder J. B. Quillen., Rt. 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport,
Tennessee

Elder Emmitt Lane, Rt. 3, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Cline Massie, Coeburn, Virginia

Elder Joe Osborne, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia

Elder L. W. Salling, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, Virginia

Elder Otis Darnell, Nickelsville, Virginia
 Elder Richard Harris, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Elder Kyle Akers, East Orange, New Jersey
 Elder Leonard Begley, Rt. 1, Dungannon, Virginia

TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.....	David Castle
Number of Churches.....	3
No. of Ordained Ministers.....	3
No. of Licensed Ministers.....	2
No. of Ordained Deacons.....	9
No. of Sunday Schools.....	3
No. of Prayer Meetings.....	3
No. of Church Training Schools.....	1
No. of Womens' Auxiliaries.....	1
Church Membership.....	230
Members Received.....	4
Members Dismissed.....	13
Members Deceased.....	1
Sunday School Enrollment.....	392
C. T. S. Enrollment.....	63
Womens' Auxiliary Enrollment.....	30
Total Offerings Received.....	\$21,000.00
Pastors Salaries.....	9,944.14
Evangelistic Work.....	654.05
Building & Repairs.....	3,816.27
Literature.....	660.48
Charity.....	1,393.55
Janitorial Services.....	710.00
F. W. Baptist Home.....	393.92
Foreign Missions.....	240.00
Nat. Home Missions.....	110.00
State Home Missions.....	105.00
Total Expenditures.....	18,199.76
Value of Church Property.....	115,000.00

Amount Enclosed in Letter 75.00

John Smith, Jr., Moderator
Harold Hawkins, Assistant Moderator
James Myers, Jr., Clerk

Ministers belonging to the Tri—City Quarterly Meeting.
Elder John Smith, Jr., 1421 Tyler St., Kingsport,
Tennessee
Elder Harold Hawkins, 1608 Seaver Road, Kingsport,
Tennessee
Elder Richard Castle, 2272 Idle Hour Road, Kingsport,
Tennessee

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	John Fields
State of Religion	Good
No. of Churches	3
Members Received	9
Members Dismissed	1
Members Deceased	1
Total Membership	315
No. Baptized	10
Sunday Schools	3
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
Average Number of Pupils	182
Prayer Meetings	3
Condition of Prayer Meetings	Good
Number of Officers	9
Number of Teachers	16
Number of Ordained Ministers	11
Number of Deacons	8
Paid Pastors	\$4,400.00
Paid Janitors	860.00

Amount spent for Literature	257.66
Home Missions.....	300.00
Foreign Missions	390.00
Amount sent to Greenville Children's Home ...	402.77
Paid Evangelist.....	354.69
Amount spent for Needy	362.19
Building & Repairs	358.33
Amount enclosed for Treasure	50.00

Names and, addresses of Ministers belonging to our Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Joe Leonard, Rt. 2, Blountville, Tennessee
Elder Lee Clark, Bristol, Tennessee
Elder Clint Proffitt, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder J. T. Ragan, Blountville, Tennessee
Elder B. D. Proffitt, Rt. 4, Blountville, Tennessee
Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Marvin Winkle, Rt. 3, Church Hill, Tennessee
Elder Ellis Hammond, 1819 W. Sullivan St., Kingsport,
Tennessee
Elder Roy Sampson, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
Elder Lee Smith, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
Elder Jack Shuler, Dale St., Kingsport, Tennessee

Licenses:

Brother C. J. Flanary, 319 Kincaid St., Kingsport,
Tennessee
Brother Warren Meade, Sr., Hiltons, Virginia
Brother Ryland Doran, Lightwood Drive, Kingsport,
Tennessee
Brother Gerald Kidd, Rt. 3, Kingsport, Tennessee

B. D. Proffitt, Moderator
Jessie L. Rogers, Clerk

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Ruth France
Number of Churches	10
Number of Ordained Ministers	22
Number of Licensed Ministers	4
Number of Ordained Deacons	18
Number of Sunday Schools	10
Number of Prayer Meetings	9
Number of Youth Leagues	2
Church Membership	320
Members Received	9
Members Dismissed	10
Number of Conversions	8
Number Baptised	7
Number Deceased	3
Sunday School Enrollment	500
Paid Pastors	\$2,993.65
Paid Visiting Ministers	1,464.92
Paid Home Missions	83.00
Paid Foreign Missions	10.00
For Building & Repair	2,723.36
For Education and Publication	507.13
Janitorial Work	706.17
Home for Children	510.00
Given to Needy	382.66
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>1,059.01</u>
Total Expenditures	9,439.90
Amount to Accompany Letter	35.00

Ministers belonging to the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting.

Elder Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Harold Free, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia

Elder Milligan Herron, Rt. 1, Box 36, Gate City, Virginia

- Elder George Hubbard, Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Carson Bishop, 126 Cloud Apt., Kingsport, Tenn.
- Elder Jimmie Williams, Rt. 5, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Lubert Hammonds, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Roy Jennings, Rt. 7, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
- Elder M. D. Hyatt, Rt. 1, Jonesboro, Tennessee
- Elder Harold Shaffer, 231 Park St., Westville, Indiana
- Elder Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, Virginia
- Elder Billy Tignor, Rt. 1, Gate City, Virginia
- Elder Rufus Hood, Rt. 3, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Pat Bishop, Rt. 1, Duffield, Virginia
- Elder Ray Frazier, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Willie Ashworth, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Virginia
- Elder Lonnie Townsend, Rt. 1, Clinchport, Virginia
- Elder Eugene Qualls, Gate City, Virginia
- Elder Willie Jennings, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia
- Elder Robert Ramey, 1224 S. Wilcox Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
- Elder Echol Herron, Rt. 4, Gate City, Virginia

Willie Jennings, Moderator
Lillie Kern, Clerk

MINISTERS REPORTS

WILLIE K. AKENS

Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	36
Conversions.....	7

W. J. ASHWORTH

Revivals	1
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Baptised	10
Sermons Preached	25
Conversions.....	30
Funerals	7
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

EARL AUSTIN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	10
Sermons Preached	140
Conversions.....	10
Received Into Church	4
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$1,800.00

EDGAN BALTIMORE

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Baptised	20
Sermons Preached	156
Funerals	25

LEONARD BEGLEY

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	10
Conversions.....	2

CARSON BISHOP

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	8

Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$152.84

PAT BISHOP

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions.....	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$28.60

JAMES A. BOATRIGHT

Sermons Preached	30
Memorial Services.....	6
Funerals	18
Quarterly Meetings Attended	8
Offerings Received	\$414.00

WALTER BRICKEY

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised.....	2
Sermons Preached	66
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$341.91

ECKLE CARTER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised.....	3
Sermons Preached	96
Conversions	93
Received Into Church	10
Funerals.....	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended	6

Offerings Received \$480.00

RICHARD CASTLE

Churches Pastored 1
Revivals 1
Baptised 4
Sermons Preached 71
Received Into Church 8
Funerals 1
Quarterly Meetings Attended 4
Offerings Received \$250.00

JIMMY COMBS

Revivals 3
Baptised 4
Sermons Preached 52
Conversions 11
Funerals 1
Quarterly Meetings Attended 2
Offerings Received \$230.00

ERITT T. DARNELL

Churches Pastored 1
Revivals 1
Baptised 2
Sermons Preached 45
Conversions 12
Received Into Church 1
Marriages 1
Quarterly Meetings Attended 2
Offerings Received \$120.00

CARL FRANCE

Revivals 3
Sermons Preached 50

Conversions	20
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

ROY FRAZIER

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	36
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

HAROLD FREE

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptised	7
Sermons Preached	55
Conversions	7
Received Into Church	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$676.00

FRED GILLENWATER

Sermons Preached	28
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

LUBERT HAMMOND

Revivals	1
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	60
Conversions	25
Offerings Received	\$50.00

RICHARD A. HARRIS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	10

Sermons Preached	101
Conversions	8
Received Into Church	12
Quarterly Meetings Attended	5
Offerings Received	\$180.44

HAROLD D. HAWKINS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	11
Baptised	11
Sermons Preached	205
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$4,127.36

ECKEL E. HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	67
Conversions	10
Received Into Church	2
Marriages	1
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$503.51

MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions	4

Received Into Church	9
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

RUFUS W. HOOD

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	71
Conversions	7
Funerals	9
Offerings Received	\$340.60

GEORGE HUBBARD

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions	11
Received Into Church	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$77.55

M. D. HYATT

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	85
Conversions	51
Funerals	4

ROY E. JENNINGS

WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	10
Baptised	17
Sermons Preached	150

Conversions.	71
Received Into Church	1
Funerals.	13
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

EMMETT LANE

Sermons Preached	16
Conversions	6

LUTHER LANE

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	30
Funerals.	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$35.00

JOE LEONARD

Sermons Preached	4
Age	87

ALBERT C. MASSIE

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	8
Conversions	1

ROBERT LEE MATHES

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Baptised	24
Sermons Preached	115
Conversions.	28
Received Into Church	8
Funerals.	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

Offerings Received \$175.00

JOE OSBORNE

Revivals 1
Sermons Preached 86
Conversions 9
Funerals 1
Quarterly Meetings Attended 1

JOHN CLIFFORD PIERSON

Churches Pastored 1
Sermons Preached 38
Conversions 1
Marriages 2
Funerals 5
Quarterly Meetings Attended 5
Offerings Received \$244.33

B. D. PROFFITT

Churches Pastored 1
Revivals 1
Baptised 10
Sermons Preached 68
Conversions 14
Received Into Church 3
Marriages 2
Funerals 2
Quarterly Meetings Attended 4
Offerings Received \$750.00

CLINT PROFFITT

Baptised 4
Sermons Preached 24
Conversions 3

Funerals	1
Offerings Received	\$80.00

OSCAR E. QUALLS

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	60
Conversions.....	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$25.00

J. B. QUILLEN

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	26
Marriages	1
Offerings Received	\$219.67

ROBERT LEE RAMEY

Revivals	4
Baptised.....	3
Sermons Preached	87
Conversions.....	16
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

L. W. SALLING

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Sermons Preached	85
Conversions.....	25
Funerals.....	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$675.00

JACK SHULER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptised	10
Sermons Preached	162
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$1,266.26

JOHN SMITH, JR.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	9
Sermons Preached	104
Conversions	21
Marriages	10
Funerals	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended	6
Offerings Received	\$5,200.00

LEE SMITH

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	90
Conversions	15
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$50.00

LONNIE TOWNSEND

Revivals	2
Baptised	6
Conversions	15

W. E. VICARS

Sermons Preached	27
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

Offerings Received \$3.00

JIMMY WILLIAMS

Revivals 2

Baptised 1

Sermons Preached 28

Conversions 1

Offerings Received \$137.00

MARVIN WINKLE

Sermons Preached 12

Conversions 5

Quarterly Meetings Attended 1

Offerings Received \$25.00

Ministers Who Did Not Report For Two (2) Years.

Sunbright:

Harold Shaffer

Carl Brooks

Orebank:

Ellis Hammond

J. T. Ragan

Ministers Who Did Not Report This Year:

Sunbright:

Harold Shaffer

Billy Tignor

Orebank:

Lee Clark

Roy Sampson

Midway:

Walker Darnell

Otis Darnell

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

committal 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 perpetuated 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, 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.

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 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, 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.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Clinch Valley Association, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. The Conference of this Association shall consist of delegates from the several Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, every Quarterly Meeting being entitled to one delegate, every Quarterly Meeting containing five hundred members to two delegates, and one additional delegate for every additional five hundred members.

Article 3. The officers of this Association shall be a standing clerk and treasurer and a moderator who shall be chosen at every session of the Association, with assistants as may be found necessary.

Article 4. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such Churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the

doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and are in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Article 5. This Association shall have power to discipline the Quarterly Meetings of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

Article 6. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May, at which time it shall be the duty of the Quarterly Meetings of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standing, prospects, and statistics; at which time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meetings, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and Quarterly Meetings within the limits of this Association.

Article 7. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 8. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recording at the next previous session.

