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OF THE
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OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR	Elder Jimmy Combs
ASSISTANT MODERATOR . . .	Elder Kenny Hammonds
TREASURER	Jim Pierson
ASSISTANT TREASURER . . .	John Clifford 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 Clinchport Church in the Sunbright Quarterly Meeting, Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1975, at 9:00 a.m.

98th SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

The 98th session of the Clinch Valley Association met with the Pendleton Church on Friday and Saturday, May 10 and 11, 1974. The session was opened by singing "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "I Know My Name Is There".

The clerk read from the 13th Chapter of I Corinthians, verses 1 through 13. Altar prayer was led by Brother Guy Culbertson. The clerk called the session to order and introduced the moderator Elder Jimmy Combs. Enrollment of officers: in the absence of Brother Bill Hillman who is recovering from surgery, Brother Jack Ketron and Brother Kyle Carter were selected to serve on the executive board. Elders Billy Tignor was elected assistant moderator.

Enrollment of ministers: Elders Richard Castle, Willie Ashworth, Willie Vicars, Billy Tignor, L. W. Salling, J. B. Quillen, Rufus Hood, Jack Shuler, Robert Ramey, Edgar Baltimore, Eckel Herron, Bill Dingus, Oscar E. Qualls, Kyle Akers, Luther Lane, B. D. Proffitt, Jerry Davenport, Hugh Arrington, Thurman Holcomb, William Bise, Leonard Begley, Harold Free, Milligan Herron, Carson Bishop, George Hubbard, Walton Brickey, Marvin Winkle, Earl Austin and John Clifford Pierson.

Visiting ministers James H. Owens, Emory Edwards and J. B. Estep were slated as advisory council by the moderator.

Enrollment of deacons: James Myers, Jr., Guy Culbertson, Jack Ketron, Kyle Carter, John A. Fields, Carl Perry, Russell Sanders, Clyde Qualls, M. A. Stepp, Charlie Lane, Orbin Lane, Gene Shupe, Ronald Puckett, Radford Wallen, Martin Roberts, James Baker, William Hall, Grady Frazier, Pat Duncan, Omer Fields, Cecil Pierson, Eugene Tipton and Aslie Kerns.

Sister Sophie Darnell was elected assistant clerk pro-tem.

Letters from the Quarterly Meetings were called for. The letter from the Orebank Quarterly Meeting was read and approved; however, the letter was tabbed because no delegate was present. The letter from the Midway 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 Sunbright Quarterly Meeting was read and approved and the delegate seated. The delegate from Orebank was seated on Saturday morning.

The Executive Board selected Elder L. W. Salling to bring the morning message. The worship service was opened by singing "Coming Home". Brother Salling read from the 1st Chapter of Galatians, verses 1 through 7, and brought an inspiring message from these verses. While singing "Just Over In The Gloryland", fellowship was enjoyed by all. The host church furnished the conference a wonderful meal.

The Friday afternoon session was opened by singing "Fill My Way With Love". The clerk read the 1st Psalms; prayer was led by Brother Richard Castle.

The tabled motion was brought from the table and approved. The association will now start on Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m. and stay in session until the work is completed. The change in the constitution of Article 6 is reflected in these minutes.

The association approved the printing of 500 minutes.

Ministers' reports that were received were read and approved. The conference was dismissed until Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

The Saturday morning session was opened by singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "At Calvary". Altar Prayer was led by Brother Pat Duncan.

Brother Bill Hillman was elected for three years on the Executive Board.

All ministers' reports were passed upon.

Gwendlyn Pierson, Ethel Fields, Venus Sanders, Alice Virginia Baker, and Elsie Herron were selected as delegates to the state association. Sister Sophie Darnell, Margie Ketron, Bobbie Sanders, Freda Shuler and Lillie Kerns were selected as alternates.

The association discussed granting ministers over 75 years of age in good standing a life time card. This was tabled for a year.

Treasurer's report of \$410 was received and approved by treasurer Brother Jim Pierson.

Association approved sending \$150 with letter to state association.

The executive board chose Clinchport Free Will Baptist Church for the next association.

Elder John Clifford Pierson was elected assistant treasurer of the association.

Elder Earl Austin was elected moderator and Elder B. D. Proffitt assistant moderator for the next session.

These minutes were read and approved.

Elder Eckel Herron dismissed the association in prayer.

Jimmy Combs — Moderator

Billy Tignor — Assistant Moderator

James Myers, Jr. — Clerk

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Carl Salyer
Alternate	Paul Bullion
Number of Churches	3
Members Received	17
Members Dismissed	2
Number Baptisted	10
Total Membership	216
State of Religion	Good
Number of Sunday Schools	3
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
Average number of Pupils	225
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Condition of Prayer Meetings	Good
Number of Officers	12
Number of Teachers	17
Number of Ordained Ministers	10
Number of Deacons	9
Paid Pastors.	\$4,950.00
Paid Evangelist	\$613.74
Paid Janitors	\$510.00
Home Missions	\$729.77
Foreign Missions	\$480.00
Needy	\$179.06
Amount sent to Greeneville Childrens Home	\$343.49
Education	\$631.91
Building and Repair	\$2,240.14
Amount enclosed for Treasre	\$50.00

Names and Addresses of Pastors and Clerks:

Hiltons:

Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tennessee

J. B. QUILLEN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	45
Conversions	9
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$277.05

ROBERT L. RAMEY

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	47
Conversions	13
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$35.00

L. W. SALLING

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions	10
Received Into Church	1
Marriages	2
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$1,099.00

JACK R. SHULER

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	14
Sermons Preached	136
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$2,563.97

Number of Ordained Deacons	18
Number of Sunday Schools	7
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Church Membership	383
Members Received	5
Members Dismissed	6
Members Deceased	6
Sunday School Average	314
Pastors Salaries	\$ 2,901.96
Evangelistic Work	\$ 1,376.88
Building and Repairs	\$ 3,153.24
Literature	\$ 483.45
Charity	\$ 961.48
Janitorial Services	\$ 150.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$ 1,154.46
State Home Missions	\$ 164.84
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,609.30
Total Expenditures	\$11,955.61
Amount Enclosed in Letter	\$ 75.00

Ministers Belonging to the Midway Quarterly Meeting:

Elder L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
Elder John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace St., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Erritt T. Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Eckle Carter, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Joe Osborne, Route 1, Dungannon, Va.
Elder Kyle Akers, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, Va.
Elder Richard Castle, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Leonard Begley, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Walker Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Billy Dingus, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
Elder Robert Mathis, Route 1, Dungannon, Va.

Elder Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Wells Road, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder J. B. Quillen, Route 2, Independence Drive, Kings-
port, Tenn.

Licensed Minister — Orsen Jenkins, Clinchport, Va., Route 1

Rev. Walter Brickey - Moderator
Sophie Darnell - Clerk

TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	June Slater
Alternate	Lerdema Lane
Number of Churches	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	1
Number of Ordained Deacons	5
Number of Sunday Schools	1
Number of Prayer Meetings	1
Number of Womens Auxiliaries	1
Church Membership	93
Members Received	4
Members Dismissed	3
Members Deceased	1
Sunday School Enrollment	200
Womens Auxiliary Enrollment	20
Total Offerings Received	\$15,655.03
Pastors Salaries	\$5,600.00
Evangelistic Work	\$356.00
Building and Repairs	\$4,649.36
Literature	\$451.11
Charity	\$283.83
Janitorial Services	\$630.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$300.00
Foreign Missions	\$240.00

Nat. Home Missions	\$120.00
State Home Missions	\$120.00
Total Expenditures	\$12,990.30
Value of Church Property	\$75,000.00
Amount Enclosed in Letter	\$75.00

Ministers Belonging to the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting:

Rev. John Smith, Jr., Route 2, Independence Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee 37664

Rev. John Smith, Jr. - Moderator
Shirley Castle - Clerk

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Estelle Johnson
Alternate	Elsie Herron
State of Religion	Good
Number of Churches	10
Number of Prayer Meetings	8
Number of Sunday Schools	10
Number of Teachers and Officers	60
Average Attendance	360
Members received this year	21
Number Dismissed	3
Number Baptised	6
Number Deceased	1
Ordained Ministers	25
Ordained Deacons	25
Total Membership	349
Paid Pastors	\$2,850.26
Paid Evangelists	\$840.66
Building and Repair	\$1,610.34
For Education	\$529.73
Sent for Home for Children	\$527.09
Janitorial Work	\$522.50

Charity	\$1,020.12
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,130.12
Total Expenditures	\$9,030.82

Ministers Belonging to Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:

Rev. George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport,
Tennessee

Rev. Jimmie Combs, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Harold Free, Route 3, Gate City, Va.

Rufus Hood, Route 3, Clinchport, Va.

Edgar Baltimore, Dryden, Va.

Robert Ramey, Route 1, Fall Branch, Tenn.

Gene Qualls, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, Tenn.

Willie Jennings, Route 4, Gate City, Va.

Billy Tignor, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tenn.

Thurmon Halcomb, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Hugh Arrington, Kingsport, Tenn.

Lubert Hammond, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.

Vernon McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.

Fred Gillenwater, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Milligan Herron, Route 1, Gate City, Va.

Echol Herron, Route 4, Gate City, Va.

Lee Smith, Route 4, Gate City, Va.

Willie Ashworth, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.

Harold Gilley, Big Stone Gap, Va.

Carson Bishop, 1122 Windsor Street, Kingsport, Tenn.

Lonnie Townsend, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.

Ray Frazier, Lenor, North Carolina

Elder Edgar Baltimore - Moderator

Lillie Kern - Clerk

We, the Sunbright Conference, request that we go back to
the treatise of 1948 Revision.

MINISTERS REPORTS

KYLE AKERS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	4
Sermons Preached	116
Conversions	13
Received into Church	7
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$260.86

HUGH ARRINGTON

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	40
Conversions	1

WILLIE J. ASHWORTH

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	9
Conversions	10
Received into Church	10
Funerals	7
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

EARL AUSTIN

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	125
Conversions	21
Received Into Church	3
Marriages	3
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

Offering Received	\$1,800.00
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EDGAR BALTIMORE

Churches Pastored'	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	130
Conversions	30
Marriages	10
Funerals	35
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

LEONARD BEGLEY

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	52
Conversions	7
Received into Church	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$21.50

WILLIAM BISE

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	19
Sermons Preached	70
Conversions	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$14.00

CARSON BISHOP

Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$47.50

WALTER BRICKEY

Revivals	2
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Sermons Preached	34
Conversions	2
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offering Received	\$299.26

ECKLE CARTER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	12
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions	25
Received into Church	2
Funerals	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$650.00

RICHARD CASTLE

Sermons Preached	35
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$19.00

JIMMY GOMBS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	67
Conversions	18
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offering Received	\$866.44

JUNIOR COOMER

Revivals	1
Baptised	1

Sermons Preached	40
Conversions	4
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$70.00

ERITT T. DARNELL, SR.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	7
Sermons Preached	48
Conversions	40
Marriages	4
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$450.00

JERRY DAVENPORT

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	20
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Ordained 4 Months	

BILLY DINGUS

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	11
Conversions	4
Offerings Received	\$34.00
Ordained April 6, 1974	

CARL FRANCE

Sermons Preached	30
Conversions	7
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$17.60

HAROLD FREE

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offering Received	\$100.00

FRED GILLENWATER

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	36
Conversions	7
Funerals	1
Offerings Received	\$48.00

KENNY M. HAMMOND

Revivals	4
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	82
Conversions	65
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$547.15

ECKEL E. HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	64
Conversions	12
Received Into Church	6
Marriages	4
Funerals	6
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$305.30

MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
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Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	34
Received Into Church	3
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$489.20

THURMAN E. HOLCOMB-

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	10
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	6
Received Into Church	6
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

RUFUS HOOD

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	17
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions	10
Received Into Church	3
Marriages	4
Funerals	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1

GEORGE HUBBARD

Sermons Preached	25
Conversions	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches Pastored	1
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Revivals	4
Baptised	9
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions	27
Received Into Church	4
Funerals	18
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

LUTHER LANE

Sermons Preached	20
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

ROBERT LEE MATHES

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	8
Sermons Preached	89
Conversions	10
Received Into Church	4
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$140.00

WARREN MEADE

Revivals	4
Baptised	7
Sermons Preached	86
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$310.89

JAMES VERNON McDAVID

Sermons Preached	16
Conversions	1
Offerings Received	\$40.00

Ordained December 16, 1973

JOE O. OSBORNE

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	3
Sermons Preached	40
Conversions	3

JOHN CLIFFORD PIERSON

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	48
Conversions	4
Marriages	1
Funerals	7
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$310.53

B. D. PROFFITT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	7
Sermons Preached	61
Conversions	5
Received Into Church	9
Marriages	6
Funerals	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$1,800.00

OSCAR E. QUALLS

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	52
Conversions	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$61.50

Curtis D. Varble, Clerk, Hiltons, Virginia

Orebank:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee

Martha D. Rogers, Clerk, P. O. Box 3546, Kingsport, Tenn.

37664

Blountville:

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Route 5, Box 66, Blountville, Tenn.

Mrs. Charmie Leonard, Clerk, 1201 Blountville Hwy.,

Bristol, Tennessee 37620

Names and Addresses of Ministers belonging to our Churches:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder C. J. Flanary, 319 Kincaid St., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Marvin Winkle, Todds Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Roy Sampson, Hiltons, Va.

Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Warren Meade, Hiltons, Va.

Elder Ryland Doran, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Route 5, Box 66, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder Joe Leonard, Blountville, Tenn.

Elder Jerry Davenport, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.

This done by order of Orebank Quarterly Meeting, assembled in Conference, April 13, 1974.

Elder Earl Austin - Moderator

Jessie L. Rogers, - Clerk

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Sophie Darnell
Alternate	Nannie Johnson
Number of Churches	9
Number of Ordained Ministers	15
Number of Licensed Ministers	1

LEE SMITH

Sermons Preached	46
Conversions	14
Offerings Received	\$174.00

BILLY W. TIGNOR

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	11
Sermons Preached	48
Conversions	12
Received Into Church	8
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$131.00

LONNIE TOWNSEND

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	54
Funerals	2
Offerings Received	\$75.00

W. E. VICARS

Sermons Preached	22
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$20.00

MARVIN W. WINKLE

Sermons Preached	7
Conversions	18
Marriages	2
Offerings Received	\$15.00

JOE LEONARD

91 Years old—Bedfast

**MINISTERS WHO DID NOT REPORT
FOR TWO YEARS**

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING -

Ryland Doran

Roy L. Sampson

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Ray Frazier

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Walker Darnell

**MINISTERS WHO DID NOT REPORT
THIS YEAR**

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

C. J. Flanary

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Lubert Hammond

M. D. Hyatt

TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

John Smith, Jr.

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

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 at 9:00 a.m. on 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.

