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OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR Elder Eckel Herron
RL #4 Gate City, Virginia
ASSISTANT MODERATOR Elder Billy Tignor
TREASURER Jim Pierson
ASSISTANT TREASURER . . . John Clifford Pierson
CLERK James Myers, Jr.
ASSISTANT CLERK Fronie Belle Myers

EXECUTIVE BOARD

1 Year Guy Culbertson
2 Years Bill Hillman
3 Years Ralph McCamy

The next session will be held with the Doran Addition
in the Tri-Cities Quarterly Meeting, Saturday before the
2nd Sunday in May, 1976 at 9:00 a.m.

99th SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

The 99th session of the Clinch Valley Association met with the Clinchport Church on Saturday, May 10, 1975. The session was opened by singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "Precious Memories."

The clerk read from Mark 11:24, I Peter 5:6 & 7, Mark 9:23, John 15:7, Luke 11:9, Philippians 4:19, Psalms 37:5, and Isaiah 40:31. Altar prayer was led by Willie Vicars. The clerk called the session to order and introduced the moderator Elder Earl Austin. The officers of the association were enrolled. In absence of Ralph McCamy, Brother Kyle Carter was selected to serve on the Executive Board. In absence of Sister Myers, Sister Sophie Darnell was elected Assistant Clerk Pro-Tem.

Enrollment of ministers: Elders Earl Austin, B. D. Proffitt, Robert L. Ramey, Eckel Carter, Rufus Hood, James H. Owens, David Luster, Orson Jenkins, Kyle Akers, Warren Meade, Jack Shuler, Jimmie Combs, William Henry, Lubert Hammond, Oscar E. Qualls, John Clifford Pierson, Eckel Herron, Leonard Begley, W. J. Ashworth, John Smith, Jr., Lonnie Townsend, M. D. Hyatt, Kenney M. Hammond, Willie Vicars, Willie Jennings, and George Hubbard.

The visiting minister was Willie E. Adams.

Enrollment of deacons: Guy Culbertson, Martin Roberts, Kyle Carter, M. A. Stepp, W. K. Hillman, Jack Ketron, Ralph Debord, Clyde Qualls, James Baker, Radford Wallen. Omer Seals, and James Myers, Jr..

Silent prayer was given for Elder Harold Free, Joe Leonard, and Sam Welch, who passed away during the year.

Letters from the Quarterly Meetings were called for. The letter from the Orebank 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 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 Executive Board selected Elder Eckel Carter to bring the morning message. Morning worship service was opened by singing "I'm Going That Way" and "Love Lifted Me". Brother Carter read from II Kings 6:1-7, and brought a soul-stirring message on "It Was Borrowed". While singing "Victory In Jesus", fellowship was enjoyed by all. The church served a wonderful meal.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Some Day".

All ministers' letters were read and approved and cards issued.

Treasurer's report was given by Brother Jim Pierson — \$401; this report was approved.

Association approved the printing of 500 minutes. Association approved sending \$150 with letter to the Association.

Following delegates were elected to the state association: Freda Shuler, Margie Ketron, and Brenda Luster. Brother Myers was given authority to fill vacancies of delegates to the state.

The tabled motion of granting ministers over 75 years of age a life-time card was brought from the table. This was discussed and tabled indefinitely.

Brother Ralph McCamy was elected to a three-year

term on the Executive Board.

Elder Eckel Herron was elected Moderator. Elder Billy Tignor was elected Assistant Moderator of the next Association to be held at Doran Addition in Kingsport on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1976 at 9:00 a.m.

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Brenda Luster
Number of Churches	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	2
Number of Ordained Deacons	4
Number of Sunday Schools	1
Number of Prayer Meetings	1
Number of Women's Auxiliaries	1
Church Membership	102
Members Received	17
Members Dismissed	4
Sunday School Enrollment	200
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	22
Total Offerings Received	\$12,391.76
Pastors Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
Evangelistic Work	\$ 370.74
Building & Repairs	\$ 4,958.94
Literature	\$ 593.23
Charity	\$ 586.16
Janitorial Services	\$ 785.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$ 300.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 240.00
National Home Missions	\$ 120.00
State Home Missions	\$ 120.00
Total Expenditures	\$24,465.83
Value of Church Property	\$85,000.00

Amount Enclosed in Letter \$ 75.00

Ministers Belonging to the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting:

John Smith, Jr., 1421 Tyler Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

David Luster, 4303 Harber Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee

Rev. David Luster - Moderator

Shirley Castle - Clerk

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Anna Bell Roberts
State of Religion	Good
Number of Churches received this year	1
Total Number Churches	11
Number of Members received this year	6
Number dismissed by letter	6
Number died	1
Number baptized	6
Total Membership	359
Number of Sunday Schools	11
Average Attendance	399
Number of Teachers and Officers	73
Number of Prayer Meetings	9
Number of Ordained Ministers	26
Number of Licentiates	1
Paid Pastors	\$ 3,121.85
Paid Visiting Ministers	\$ 1,283.73
Paid Singers	\$ 144.98
Spent for Education and Publication	\$ 506.19
Sent to Home for Children	\$ 502.80
For Building and Repair	\$ 2,025.39
Spent for Heat	\$ 1,483.21
Miscellaneous expenses	\$ 1,222.60
Needy	\$ 906.77
Janitorial Work	\$ 465.00

Flowers	\$ 388.34
Total Expenditures	\$11,050.86
Treasurer's Report	\$ 140.73
To Accompany Letter	\$ 50.00

Ministers Belonging to Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:

Kyle Akers, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.
 George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
 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.
 Thurman Holcomb, Big Stone Gap, Va.
 Hugh Arrington, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Vernon McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
 Fred Gillenwaters, 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 Windson Street, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Lonnie Townsend, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
 Theodore Fleenor, Brown Avenue, Johnson City, Tenn.
 Billy Dingus, Route 1, Fort Blackmore, Va.

Elder Echol Herron - Moderator
 Lillie Kern - Clerk

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Glen Hobbs
Alternate	Ronnie Quillen
Number of Churches	8
Number of Ordained Ministers	12
Number of Ordained Deacons	17
Number of Sunday Schools	6
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Church Membership	380
Members Received	45
Members Dismissed	4
Members Deceased	2
Sunday School Average	278
Pastors Salaries	\$ 2,381.63
Evangelistic Work	\$ 1,426.06
Building & Repairs	\$ 1,902.35
Literature	\$ 333.12
Charity	\$ 1,543.94
Janitorial Services	\$ 60.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$ 1,198.53
State Home Missions	\$ 76.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 2,851.63
Total Expenditures	\$11,773.26
Amount Enclosed in Letter	\$ 75.00

Ministers Belonging to the Midway Quarterly Meeting:

Elder Leonard Begley, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
 Elder William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, Va.
 Elder Water Brickley, 113 Beason Well Road, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Elder Eckle Carter, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Erritt Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.
 Elder Orsen Jenkins, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport, Va.
 Elder Joe Osborne, Route 1, Dungannon, Va.

Elder John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder J. B. Quillen, Route 2, Independence Drive, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Elder L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Va.

Elder Robert Mathis, Route 1, Dungannon, Va.

John Clifford Pierson - Moderator
Sophie Darnell - Clerk

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Billy Winkle
Number of Churches	3
Members Received	24
Members Dismissed	14
Member Deceased	3
Number Baptized	20
Total Membership	201
State of Religion	Good
Number of Sunday Schools	3
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
Average Number of Pupils	204
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Conditions of Prayer Meetings	Good
Number of Officers	12
Number of Teachers	17
Number of Ordained Ministers	8
Number of Deacons	8
Paid Pastors	\$ 5,400.00
Paid Evangelist	\$ 674.55
Paid Janitors	\$ 600.00
Home Missions	\$ 1,408.45
Foreign Missions	\$ 505.00

Needy	\$ 219.88
Greeneville Childrens' Home	\$ 462.20
Education	\$ 719.52
Building and Repairs	\$ 3,387.29
Amount Enclosed for Treasure	\$ 50.00

Names and Addresses of Pastors and Clerks:

Orebank:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Mrs. Martha D. Rogers, Clerk, P.O. Box 3546, Kingsport,
Tenn.

Island Road:

Elder B. D. Proffitt, General Delivery, Blountville, Tenn.
Mrs. Charmie Leonard, Clerk, 1201 Blountville Hwy.,
Bristol, Tenn.

Hiltons:

Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.
Curtis D. Varble, Clerk, Hiltons, Va.

Ministers Belonging to these Churches:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder C. J. Flanary, 319 Kincaid St., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder B. D. Proffitt, General Deliver, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Jerry Davenport, Route 8, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder James Owens, Blountville, Tenn.
Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Warren Meade, Route 6, Kingsport, Tenn.

Elder Jerry C. Davenport.- Moderator
Jessie L. Rogers - Clerk

MINISTERS REPORTS

KYLE AKERS

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	1
Sermons Preached	84
Conversions	1
Received Into Church	5
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$173.38

WILLIE J. ASHWORTH

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions	36
Received into Church	4
Funerals	6
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

HUGH ARRINGTON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	36
Conversions	25
Received Into Church	5
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

EARL AUSTIN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	14
Sermons Preached	130

Conversions	6
Received Into Church	10
Marriages	2
Funerals	6
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offering Received	\$ 2,400.00

LEONARD BEGLEY

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	52
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$ 29.50

WILLIAM BISE

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	6
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions	9
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offering Received	\$55.00

CARSON BISHOP

Conversions.	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offering Received	\$18.25

WALTER BRICKEY

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	74
Conversions.	3

Quarterly Meetings Attended	5
Offerings Received	\$362.72

ECKLE CARTER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	3
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions.	30
Received Into Church	1
Funerals	11
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$600.00

JIMMY COMBS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	5
Sermons Preached	74
Conversions	9
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$611.76

JUNIOR COOMER

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$120.00

ERITT T. DARNELL, SR.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	3
Sermons Preached	80
Conversions	7

Received Into Church	1
Marriages	4
Funerals	6
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$600.00

JERRY C. DAVENPORT

Sermons Preached	20
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

FRED GILLENWATER

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	15
Offerings Received	\$140.24

HAROLD GILLEY

Baptized	2
Sermons Preached	70

KENNY M. HAMMOND

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	63
Conversions	12
Offerings Received	\$446.55

LUBERT HAMMOND

Revivals	1
Conversions	12
Funerals	1
Offerings Received	\$60.00

ECKEL E. HERRON

Revivals	2
Baptized	2
Sermons Preached	39

Marriages	2
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	45
Funerals	2
Offerings Received	\$427.70

RUFUS HOOD

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	10
Marriages	5
Funerals	9

GEORGE HUBBARD

Sermons Preached	20
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	1

M. D. HYATT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Baptized	7
Sermons Preached	100
Conversions	16
Received Into Church	9
Marriages	1

ORSON JENKINS

Sermons Preached	15
Conversions	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1

WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	132
Conversions	14
Funerals	19
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$650.00

LUTHER LANE

Sermons Preached	1
Funerals	1

DAVID LUSTER

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	5
Sermons Preached	62
Conversions	11
Received Into Church	17
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$4,000.00

ROBERT LEE MATHAS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	4
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions	3
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$65.00

JAMES VERNON McDAVID

Revivals	1
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Sermons Preached	40
Conversions	1
Offerings Received	\$135.00

WARREN G. MEADE

Revivals	4
Baptized	11
Sermons Preached	79
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$510.62

JAMES H. OWENS

Sermons Preached	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

JOHN CLIFFORD PIERSON

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	13
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions	7
Received Into Church	9
Marriages	3
Funerals	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings received	\$304.69

B. D. PROFFITT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	62
Conversions	11
Received In Church	2
Marriages	5
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

Offerings Received	\$1,800.00
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OSCAR E. QUALLS

Sermons Preached	50
Conversions	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$39.00

J. B. QUILLEN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptized	8
Sermons Preached	60
Received In Church	29
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$816.47

ROBERT L. RAMEY

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	35
Conversions	9
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$35.00

L. W. SALLING

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions.	7
Marriages	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$400.00

JACK SHULER

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	9
Sermons Preached	127
Marriages	1
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$2,187.86

JOHN SMITH, JR.

Revivals	1
Baptized	4
Sermons Preached	30
Conversions	5
Marriages	8
Funerals	6
Offerings Received	\$15.00

BILLY U. TIGNOR

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptized	3
Sermons Preached	45
Received Into Church	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$650.00

LONNIE TOWNSEND

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	48
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$65.00

W. E. VICARS

Sermons Preached	18
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Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
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MARVIN WINKLE

Revivals	1
Baptized	8
Sermons Preached	5
Conversions.	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$25.00

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

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING —

C. J. Flanary

**MINISTERS WHO DID NOT REPORT
THIS YEAR**

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Joe O. Osborne

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Edgar Baltimore

Billy Dingus

Thurman E. Holcomb

Carl Fronce

Lee Smith

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 Saviour 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 Saviour and Lord, with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. Election; God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ, men become His elect.

10. Freedom of the Will: The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the Truth and the Spirit, 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. Preseverance: 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 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 Saviour 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 compose 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 ammended 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.

