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OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR	Elder B. D. Proffitt
ASSISTANT MODERATOR	Elder Kyle Akers
TREASURER	Russell Sanders
CLERK	Ernestine Lester
ASSISTANT CLERK	Sophie Darnell

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

The next session will be held with the Copper Creek Church in the Midway Quarterly Meeting, Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May, 1978 at 9:00 a.m.

101st SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 101st Session of the Clinch Valley Association met with the Hilton Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, May 7, 1977. The session was opened by singing "Victory in Jesus" and "The Love of God".

The Clerk read from the third chapter of James, verses 1 through 18, concluding with the thought "and the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace." Altar prayer was led by Brother John Pierson. The host pastor, Jack Shuler, gave the welcome to the association.

The Clerk called the session to order and introduced the moderator, Brother David Luster, who proceeded with the business. The officers of the association were enrolled. In the absence of Brother Guy Culbertson, Brother John Pierson was selected to serve on the executive board.

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

The ministers' reports were read, approved, and cards issued.

The executive board selected Brother Willie Vicars to bring the morning message. The morning worship was opened by singing "An Old Account Settled". Brother Vicars read from the fifth chapter of St. John, verses 1 through 18, his text, "Wilt Thou be Made Whole". While singing "Amazing Grace", fellowship was enjoyed by all. Brother B. D. Proffitt dismissed in prayer.

After a wonderful lunch, the session was opened by singing "Everybody will be Happy Over There".

Freda Shuler was elected as delegate to the state association. Brother Jack Shuler was delegated authority to appoint delegates as needed.

The conference approved the printing of 500 minutes.

Treasury report of \$402.00 was given and received by Brother Russell Sanders.

The executive board set the next session to the Copper Creek Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1978.

Conference approved sending \$150.00 with letter to the state association.

The following officers were elected:

Moderator	B. D. Proffitt
Assistant Moderator	Kyle Akers
Treasurer	Russell Sanders
3 Yr. Member Executive Board .	W. K. Hillman

The Clerk resigned and his resignation was accepted by the body.

The association elected Ernestine Lester as Clerk and Sophie Darnell as Assistant Clerk.

These minutes were read and approved.

MINISTERS REGISTERED

David Luster
Willie (W. J.) Ashworth
Jack Shuler
M. D. Hyatt
Orson Jenkins
Kyle Akers
John Clifford Pierson
Lubert Hammonds

Jimmie Combs
Stanley Sims
Earl Austin
W. E. Vicars
Warren Meade
Ray Lester, Jr.
Robert L. Ramey
Oscar E. Qualls

Jerry Davenport
 Terry Rhoton
 Ronald Puckett
 Donald McDavid
 Eckel Herron

Carl France
 Eckle Carter
 William Jones
 Rufus Hood
 B. D. Proffitt

Hugh Arrington

Visiting Minister - Charles Grills

DEACONS REGISTERED

James Myers, Jr.
 Ralph McCamey
 Jack Ketron
 Ralph Webb
 W. K. Hillman

David Watkins
 James M. Baker
 Russell Sanders
 Maynard Vermillion
 Guy France

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Vena Akers
Delegate Alternate	Lovely Pierson
Number of Churches	9
Church withdrew fellowship - October, 1976	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	25
Number of Ordained Deacons	21
Number of Sunday Schools	9
Number of Prayer Meetings	7
Number of Women's Auxilliaries	1

Members Received	12
Members Dismissed	3
Members Deceased	1
Number Baptised	27
Church Membership	332
Sunday School Average	366
Teachers and Officers	59
Paid Pastors	\$ 3,236.72
Paid Visiting Ministers	\$ 1,028.77
Janitorial Services	\$ 580.00
Building and Repair	\$ 2,712.57
Educational and Publication	\$ 657.43
Given to Charity	\$ 1,029.38
Home for Children	\$ 589.53
Spent for Flowers	\$ 221.85
Fuel and Electricity	\$ 761.15
Paid to Home Mission	\$ 28.72
Paid Visiting Singers	\$ 458.91
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 1,797.97</u>
Total Expenditures	\$13,102.62
To Accompany Letter	\$ 50.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS:

Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, Virginia
 Rufus Hood, Route 3, Clinchport, Virginia
 Billy Tignor, Gate City, Virginia
 Thurman Holcomb, Route 1, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Hugh Arrington, Church Hill, Tennessee
 Willie Vicars, Kingsport, Tennessee
 George Coomer, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Robert Ramey, Route 1, Fall Branch, Tennessee
 Harold Gilley, Big Stone Gap, Virginia
 Milligan Herron, Gate City, Virginia
 Kenny Hammonds, Route 4 - Box 464, Gate City, Virginia
 Oscar E. Qualls, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia

Eckel Herron, Route 4, Gate City, Virginia
 Lonnie Townsend, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Willie Jennings, Route 4, Gate City, Virginia
 M. D. Hyatt, Jonesboro, Tennessee
 Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Jimmie Combs, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
 George Hubbard, 1309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Carson Bishop, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Vernon McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Kyle Akers, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Billy Dingus, Fort Blackmore, Virginia
 Donald McDavid, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Orson Jenkins, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia

Jimmy Combs - Moderator
 Lillie Kern - Clerk

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Jim Franklin
Delegate Alternate	Harrison Rogers
State of Religion	Good
Number of Churches	3
Number Baptized	1
Number of Sunday Schools	3
Condition of Sunday Schools	Good
Average Attendance	195
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Condition of Prayer Meetings	Good
Members Received	2
Members Dismissed	12
Members Died	1
Total Membership	204

Number of Teachers	20
Number of Officers	12
Number of Ordained Ministers	8
Number of Deacons	8
Paid Pastors	\$ 6,000.00
Paid Evangelists	\$ 415.77
Paid Janitors	\$ 675.00
Home Missions	\$ 300.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 1,440.00
Needy	\$ 108.08
Sent to Greeneville Children's Home	\$ 1,224.58
Education	\$ 664.39
Building and Repairs	\$ 988.27
Amount Enclosed for Treasure	\$ 100.00

Names and Addresses of Pastors and Clerks:

Island Road

Elder B. D. Proffitt, Box 271, Blountville, Tennessee
Mrs. Charmie Leonard, Clerk, 1201 Blountville Hwy.
Bristol, Tennessee

Hiltons

Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tennessee
Curtis D. Varble, Clerk, Hiltons, Virginia

Orebank

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

Names and Addresses of Ministers belonging to our Churches:

Elder Earl Austin, 238 Hamilton Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tenn.
Elder Stanley J. Sims, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Jack Shuler, 2316 Amy Ave., Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Warren Meade, Route 6, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Elder B. D. Proffitt, Box 271, Blountville, Tennessee
 Elder Jerry Davenport, Kingsport, Tennessee
 Elder James Owens, Blountville, Tennessee

Elder Earl Austin - Moderator
 Jessie L. Rogers - Clerk

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate	Sophie Darnell
Delegate Alternate	Grady Dackery
Number of Churches	7
Number of Ordained Ministers	17
Number of Ordained Deacons	14
Number of Sunday Schools	6
Number of Prayer Meetings	3
Number of Womens Auxiliaries	1
Church Membership	362
Members Received	11
Members Dismissed	9
Members Deceased	3
Sunday School Enrolement	329
Womens Auxiliary Enrolement	25
Pastors Salarys	\$ 4,046.75
Evangelistic Work	\$ 986.98
Building and Repairs	\$15,796.49
Literature	\$ 443.98
Charity	\$ 1,193.83
Janitorial Services	\$ 314.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$ 920.85

State Home Missions	\$ 40.11
Miscellaneous Expenses	<u>\$ 5,723.04</u>
Total Expenditures	\$29,466.03
Amount Enclosed in Letter	\$ 80.00

Ministers Belonging to Midway Quarterly Meeting:

Elders:

Leonard Bigley, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, Virginia
 Walter Brickey, 113 Beason Well Road, Kingsport, Tenn.
 Eckle Carter, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Erritt T. Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Orsen Jankins, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Luther Lane, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace St., Kingsport, Tennessee
 J. B. Quillen, Route 2, Independence Dr., Kingsport, Tenn.
 L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Robert Mathis, Route 1, Dungannon, Virginia
 W. J. Ashworth, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Lubert Hammonds, Route 1, Clinchport, Virginia
 Ronald Puckett, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Charles Puckett, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Terry Rhoten, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, Virginia
 Roy Lester, Route 1, Duffield, Virginia
 William Jones, Route , Gate City, Virginia

W. J. Ashworth - Moderator
 Sophie Darnell - Clerk

TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate June Slater
 Delegate Alternate Debbie Watson

Number of Churches	1
Number of Ordained Ministers	1
Number of Ordained Deacons	6
Number of Sunday Schools	1
Number of Prayer Meetings	1
Number of Church Training Schools	1
Number of Womens Auxiliaries	1
Church Membership	120
Members Received	4
Members Dismissed	3
Sunday School Enrolement	130
C. T. S. Enrolement	6
Womens Auxiliary Enrolement	25
Master Men Enrolement	15
Total Offerings Received	\$18,632.75
Pastors Salaries	\$ 5,200.00
Evangelistic Work	\$ 123.92
Building and Repairs	\$ 5,887.26
Literature	\$ 1,219.37
Charity	\$ 1,021.93
Janitorial Services	\$ 1,205.00
Free Will Baptist Home	\$ 300.00
Foreign Missions	\$ 240.00
National Home Missions	\$ 120.00
State Home Missions	\$ 120.00
Total Expenditures	\$15,657.48
Amount Enclosed in Letter	\$ 75.00
Value of Parsonage	\$30,000.00
Value of Church Property	\$50,000.00

Ministers Belonging to the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting:

Rev. David Luster, 4303 Harbor Dr., Kingsport, Tennessee

Rev. David Luster - Moderator
Shirley Castle - Clerk

MINISTERS REPORT

KYLE AKERS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	91
Conversions	7
Received Into Church	2
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$1,595.85

W. J. ASHWORTH

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	30
Funerals	6
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

HUGH L. ARRINGTON

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	27
Funerals	1

EARL AUSTIN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	6
Sermons Preached	150
Conversions	10
Received Into Church	1
Marriages	2
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$2,400.00

LEONARD E. BEGLEY

Revivals	1
Baptised	5
Sermons Preached	35
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$30.00

WALTER BRICKEY

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	22
Funerals	3
Offerings Received	\$185.00

WILLIAM BISE

Revivals	2
Baptised	3
Sermons Preached	24
Conversions	5

ECKLE CARTER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	4
Baptised	15
Sermons Preached	80
Conversions	60
Received Into Church	17
Funerals	9
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$975.00

JIMMY COMBS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	4
Sermons Preached	72

Conversions	4
Received Into Church	1
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$1,500.00

JERRY C. DAVENPORT

Sermons Preached	30
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1

ERITT T. DARNELL

Revivals	1
Baptised	13
Sermons Preached	60
Conversions	15
Marriages	1
Funerals	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

CARL R. FRANCE

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	25
Offerings Received	\$40.00

FRED R. GILLENWATER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions	5
Received Into Church	2
Offerings Received	\$172.43

LUBERT HAMMOND

Revivals	1
Conversions	35
Offerings Received	\$65.00

KENNY N. HAMMOND

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	62
Conversions	33
Funerals	1
Offerings Received	\$898.51

ECKEL E. HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	12
Sermons Preached	51
Conversions	12
Marriages	3
Funerals	7
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	16
Sermons Preached	51
Conversions	6
Received Into Church	3

M. D. HYATT

Revivals	1
Baptised	5
Sermons Preached	58
Conversions	20
Offerings Received	\$399.67

RUFUS HOOD

Revivals	3
Baptised	4
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions	8
Marriages	6
Funerals	10

ORSON JENKINS

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	31
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4

WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Baptised	4
Sermons Preached	86
Conversions	12
Funerals	12
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2

ROY LEE LESTER, JR.

Churches Pastored	1
Revival	1
Sermons Preached	7
Ordained April 16, 1977	
Offerings Received	\$170.00

WILLIAM H. JONES

Baptised	5
Sermons Preached	30
Conversions	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3

DAVID LUSTER

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	90
Conversions	6
Received Into Church	4
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$5,200.00

DONALD R. McDAVID

Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	36
Conversions	24
Offerings Received	\$11.37

WARREN MEADE

Revivals	2
Baptised	7
Sermons Preached	69
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$229.85

JAMES VERNON McDAVID

Churches Pastored	1
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions	2
Offerings Received	\$245.00

JAMES OWENS

Sick All Year	
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JOHN CLIFFORD PLESON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	48
Conversions	1
Marriages	2
Funerals	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$480.03

CHARLES PUCKETT

Sermons Preached	3
Conversions	2
Ordained April 10, 1977	

B. D. PROFFITT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	73
Conversions	7
Received Into Church	1
Marriages	12
Funerals	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$1,910.00

RONALD PUCKETT

Sermons Preached	6
Conversions	2
Offerings Received	\$5.00
Ordained April 10, 1977	

OSCAR E. QUALLS

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions	25
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$50.00

ROBERT L. RAMEY

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	26
Conversions	6
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$30.00

J. B. QUILLIN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	11
Sermons Preached	74

Conversions	14
Marriages	2
Funerals	13
Quarterly Meetings Attended	2
Offerings Received	\$1,335.36

TERRY LEE RHOTON

Sermons Preached	5
Conversions	2
Ordained April 10, 1977	

L. W. SALLING

Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	40
Marriages	5
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	3
Offerings Received	\$30.00

STANLEY J. SIMS

Baptised	1
Sermons Preached	5
Conversions	1
Offerings Received	\$20.00

JACK SHULER

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Baptised	2
Sermons Preached	127
Marriages	1
Funerals	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended	4
Offerings Received	\$1,800.00

LONNIE TOWNSEND

Churches Pastored	2
Revivals	1

Baptised	23
Sermons Preached	108
Conversions	26
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$64.00

W. E. VICARS

Sermons Preached	14
Conversions	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1

MARVIN WINKLE

Baptised	5
Sermons Preached	9
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended	1
Offerings Received	\$10.00

MINISTERS WHO DID NOT REPORT FOR TWO YEARS:

Midway Quarterly Meeting — Luther Lane

MINISTERS WHO DID NOT REPORT THIS YEAR:

Midway Quarterly Meeting — Robert Lee Mathas

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting — Carson Bishop
 Billy Dingus
 Harold Gilley
 Thurman E. Holcomb
 George Hubbard
 Billy U. Tignor

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 committal 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." (1 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 last previous session.

