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OFFICERS ELECTED

MODERATOR Elder Jeff Crabtree
ASSISTANT MODERATOR. Elder Jimmie Combs
TREASURER. Russell Sanders
CLERK. James Myers, Jr.
ASSISTANT CLERK. Sophie Darnell

EXECUTIVE BOARD

2 Year Bill Hillman
1 Year Carl Perry
3 Year Cecil Pierson

The next session will be held with the Pine Grove Church in the Midway Quarterly Meeting, on May 11, 1985.

108TH SESSION PROCEEDINGS

The 108th session of the Clinch Valley Association met with the Doran Addition Church in the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, May 12, 1984. The session was opened by singing "In the Shadow of the Cross," and "When the Redeemed Are Gathered In." The clerk read from the 3rd chapter of 1st Corinthians, verses 1 through 11. Altar prayer was led by Brother Jimmie Combs. The host pastor, Brother Jeff Crabtree, gave a warm welcome to the Association. The clerk called the Association to order and introduced the Moderator, Elder Eckel Herron. Following the moderator's remarks, the officers of the Association were enrolled. All officers were present except the treasurer, Russell Sanders. Brother Ematt Jessee was elected treasurer pro-tem.

The Ministers and Deacons were enrolled.

The letters from the Midway, Sunbright, Tri-City, and Orebank Quarterly Meetings were read, approved, and their delegates seated.

Elder Nathan Jackson requested a committee to investigate charges about his credentials as a minister. By approval of the Association, the moderator appointed Elders Jimmie Combs, Jeff Crabtree, and John Pierson to this committee. The committee recommended that Elder Jackson go back to the local church for relicensed or ordination. This recommendation was unanimously approved by this Association.

The Executive Board selected Elder Vernon McDavid to bring the morning message. The worship service was opened by singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus." Brother Myers sang "Thank You Lord for Your Blessings On Me." Brother McDavid read from the 5th chapter of 2nd Corinthians, verses 17 through 21, and brought an inspiring message on "Ambassadors for Christ." The worship service was concluded with fellowship while singing "Amazing Grace." Brother Kenny Hammond offered the blessing for the food. The Association was served a wonderful meal furnished by the Gray and Doran

Addition Church of the Tri-City Quarterly Meeting.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "I'm Redeemed." Memorial prayer was given in behalf of Elder J. V. Estep.

The Ministers reports were read, and those approved were issued cards of good standing.

The treasurer's report of \$815.10 was given by the treasurer pro-tem Emmett Jessee and approved.

JoAnn Myers, Sophie Darnell, and Donna Crabtree were elected delegates to the State Association. The Association approved Jeff Crabtree having authority to appoint delegates as needed.

The Association approved sending \$480.00 with our letter to the State Association, \$190.00 for state dues, and \$190.00 for national dues.

The Association voted to have 250 minutes printed.

The Association voted to lay on the table a change in our by-laws the addition to be as follows: (All elected officers will be standing delegates in this Association)

Elder Jeff Crabtree was elected moderator, Elder Jimmie Combs, assistant moderator, and Cecil Pierson to a three-year term on the Executive Board.

The Executive Board sent the next session to the Pine Grove Church in the Midway Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, May 11, 1985.

These minutes were read and approved.

Prayer of dismissal by Brother Paul Smith.

MINISTERS ENROLLED

Jimmie Combs
Willie Jennings
Jessie Rogers
Jeff Crabtree
Marvin Winkle
Roy Wheelock
James Vernon McDavid
John Pierson
Lonnie Townsend

Willie Ashworth
Kenny Hammond
George Hubbard
Lee Knowles
Paul J. Smith
Milligan Herron
James Baker
Rufus Hood
Rick Kincer

Eckel Herron
Robert Ramey

Glen Dockery

DEACONS ENROLLED

Jack Carter
Ralph McCamy
David Watkins
Bill Hillman
Cecil Pearson
W. O. Fields

Jerry Townsend
Grady Dockley
Kyle Carter
Carl Perry
James Myers

Elder Eckel Herron - Moderator
Elder Lonnie Townsend - Assistant Moderator
James Myers - Clerk
Sophie Darnell - Assistant Clerk

REPORTS OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS

MIDWAY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.	Sophie Darnell
Delegate Alternate.	Alice McConnell
Number of Churches.	8
Number of Ordained Ministers.	13
Number of Licensed Ministers.	1
Number of Ordained Deacons.	20
Number of Sunday Schools.	8
Sunday School Average	290
Number of Prayer Meetings	4
Number Women's Auxiliaries.	2
Women's Auxiliaries Enrollment.	40
Church Membership	395
Members Dismissed	5
Members Deceased.	2
Members Received.	17
Pastor's Salaries	\$ 5,473.24
Evangelistic Work	\$ 1,670.32

Building & Repairs.	\$ 5,162.40
Literature.	\$ 740.48
Charity	\$ 2,292.26
Janitorial Services	\$ 95.00
Free Will Baptist Childrens Home.	\$ 400.00
Foreign Missions.	\$ 1,113.07
Church Insurance.	\$ 810.00
State Home Missions	\$ 2,768.52
Miscellaneous Expenses.	\$ 2,458.31
Total Expenditures.	\$33,232.34
New Church payments	\$ 5,196.52
Amount Enclosed With Letter	\$ 225.00

Rev. Eritt T. Darnell, Moderator
Sophie Darnell, Clerk

Ministers belonging to our churches:

Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, VA
William Bise, Route 1, Gate City, VA
Eritt Darnell, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Lubert Hammond, Clinchport, VA
Glen Hillman, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace St., Kingsport, TN
Ronald Puckett, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Terry Rhoton, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
J. B. Quillen, Route 2, Independence Dr.,
Kingsport, TN
Eckle Carter, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Robert Ramey, Kingsport, TN
L. W. Sallings, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Charles Puckett, Route 1, Ft. Blackmore, VA
Licensee: Paul Presley, Kingsport, TN

OREBANK QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.	George W. Rogers
Delegate Alternate.	Marvin Winkle, Jr.
Number of Churches.	1
State of Religion	Good
Condition of Sunday School.	Good
Average Attendance.	36
Condition of Prayer Meeting	Good

Members Dismissed by Request.	4
Total Membership.	54
Number of Officers.	2
Number of Teachers.	5
Number of Deacons.	2
Number of Ordained Ministers.	4
Number of Licensed Ministers.	1
Paid Pastor	\$ 2,800.00
Paid Custodian.	\$ 680.00
Sent Foreign Missions	\$ 123.00
Sent Home Missions.	\$ 219.50
Building and Repairs.	\$ 119.20
Amount Sent Free Will Baptist	
Children's Home, Greenville, TN	\$ 421.83
Literature.	\$ 285.53
Amount Enclosed:	
Fee to National Association	\$ 10.00
Fee to State Association.	\$ 10.00
	<u>\$ 20.00</u>
Special Donation.	50.00
	<u>\$ 70.00</u>

Names and addresses of church and clerk:
Orebank Free Will Baptist Church
Route 8, Kingsport, Tennessee

Clerk - Harrison R. Rogers
320 Gaines Street
Kingsport, Tennessee

Names and addresses of ministers belonging to our church:

Elder Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Nathan Jackson, Jr., 1033 Delrose Drive, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Roy K. Wheelock, Route 12, Easy Street, Kingsport, Tennessee
Elder Jessie L. Rogers, Route 8, 320 Gaines Street, Kingsport, Tennessee

Elder Marvin Winkle, Moderator
Elder Jessie L. Rogers, Clerk

SUNBRIGHT QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.	Emett Jessee
Delegate Alternate.	Joe Hill
State of Religion	Good
Number of Churches.	8
Number of Ordained Ministers.	24
Membership.	283
Number of Ordained Deacons.	16
Number of Prayer Meetings	7
Number of Sunday Schools.	8
Average Attendance.	315
Number Teachers and Officers.	55
Members Received This Year.	3
Deceased (Brother J. V. Estep).	1
Donated to Pastors.	\$ 2,248.65
Donated to Visiting Ministers	\$ 1,150.87
Donated to Singers.	\$ 202.84
Donated to Scott Co. Rescue Squad	\$ 427.00
Gave to Charity	\$ 1,855.76
Love Gifts.	\$ 915.12
Spent for Building and Repair	\$ 6,796.71
Spent for Education and Publication . . .	\$ 1,127.58
Janitorial Service.	\$ 1,034.80
Sent to Home for Children	\$ 3,555.96
Paid for Fuel and Electricity	\$ 2,271.80
Paid for Flowers.	\$ 897.27
Paid on Church Insurance.	\$ 663.00
Paid for Sunday School Literature	\$ 491.17
Paid on Radio Broadcast	\$ 781.00
Spent for Church Supplies and Cleaning. \$	715.82
Gave to Foreign Missions.	\$ 308.25
Donated to the Gideons.	\$ 125.85
Total Expenditures.	\$23,569.45
Amount enclosed in letter	\$ 175.00

Ministers belonging to Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:
Elders:

Willie Jennings, 109 Virgil St., Kingsport, TN
Eckel Herron, Route 4, Gate City, VA
Jimmy Combs, Route 1, Gate City, VA
George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Dr., Kingsport, TN
Samuel P. Bowen, Route 4, Clinchport, VA

James V. McDavid, Route 1, Duffield, VA
 Glen Dockery, Kingsport, TN
 James Baker, Route 1, Duffield, VA
 Ronald Stapleton, Gate City, VA
 Howard Bowen, Route 1, Duffield, VA
 Kenny Hammond, Route 4, Gate City, VA
 Paul Smith, Route 2, Gate City, VA
 Kyle Akers, Route 4, Clinchport, VA
 Wrightly Lane, Route 1, Gate City, VA
 Lee Knowles, W. Carters Valley, Church Hill, TN
 Rick Kincer, Route 4, Clinchport, VA
 Pat Bishop, Route 1, Duffield, VA
 Carl France, Route 1, Gate City, VA
 M. D. Hyatt, Jonesborough, TN
 Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, VA
 Lonnie Townsend, Route 4, Clinchport, VA
 Milligan Herron, Gate City, VA
 William Bowen, Route 1, Duffield, VA
 Rufus Hood, Route 3, Clinchport, VA

The Ordaining Council contacted Wayne Gilley, Walter Begley and Thurman Holcomb to try to set up a meeting to discuss picking up their credentials. They refused to meet with them.

Moderator, William Bowen
 Clerk, Lillie Kern

TRI-CITY QUARTERLY MEETING

Delegate.	Roy Hicks
Delegate Alternate.	JoAnn Myers
Number of Churches.	2
Number of Ordained Ministers.	2
Number of Ordained Deacons.	7
Number of Sunday Schools.	2
Sunday School Enrollment.	190
Number of Prayer Meetings	2
Number Women's Auxiliaries.	1
Women's Auxiliaries Enrollment.	30
Number Master's Men Chapters.	1
Master's Men Enrollment	12

Church Membership	129
Members Dismissed	4
Pastor's Salaries	\$10,400.00
Evangelistic Work	\$ 214.13
Building and Repairs.	\$18,889.52
Literature.	\$ 3,427.88
Charity	\$ 1,673.06
Free Will Baptist Childrens Home.	\$ 300.00
Foreign Missions.	\$ 2,204.50
State Home Missions	\$ 340.00
Total Expenditures.	\$37,659.84
Value of Church Properties.	\$225,000.00
Amount Enclosed With Letter	\$ 140.00
\$ 20.00 - State Dues	
\$ 20.00 - National Dues	
\$110.00 - Association	

Jeff Crabtree, Moderator
Ron Morrison, Assistant Moderator
James Myers, Clerk

Ministers:

Rev. Jeff Crabtree, 446 Independence Drive,
Kingsport, TN, 37660
Rev. Ron Morrison, Route 16, Box 378, Gray, TN

MINISTERS REPORTS

WILLIE ASHWORTH

Churches Pastored	1
Conversions.	20
Received Into Church	20
Funerals	8
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4

JAMES M. BAKER

Churches Pastored	2
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	52
Conversions.	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4
Offerings Received	\$ 726.00

WILLIAM BISE

Sermons Preached	40
Conversions.	2

PAT BISHOP

Sermons Preached	30
Conversions.	15

HOWARD BOWEN

Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	48
Conversions.	4
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3

SAMUEL P. BOWEN

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	47
Conversions.	5
Funerals	2
Offerings Received	\$ 358.50

WILLIAM BOWEN

Sermons Preached	30
Conversions.	10
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2
Offerings Received	\$ 66.33

JIMMY COMBS

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	78
Conversions.	3
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3
Offerings Received	\$ 1,370.70

JEFF CRABTREE

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	5
Sermons Preached	97
Marriages.	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4
Offerings Received	\$10,400.00

ERITT T. DARNELL, SR.

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	96
Conversions.	3
Marriages.	3
Funerals	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4

GLEN C. DOCKERY

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	32
Conversions.	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2

FRED GILLENWATER

Sermons Preached	24
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KENNY M. HAMMOND

Churches Pastored.	1
Baptized	2
Sermons Preached	119
Conversions.	17
Received Into Church	8
Marriages.	1
Funerals	4

LUBERT HAMMOND

Revivals	1
Baptized	3
Sermons Preached	60
Conversions.	40
Offerings Received	\$ 80.42

ECKEL E. HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	5
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions.	80
Received Into Church	5
Marriages.	2
Funerals	5
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2

MILLIGAN HERRON

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	42
Conversions.	5
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3

RUFUS HOOD

Sermons Preached	24
Marriages.	6
Funerals	10

GEORGE HUBBARD

Sermons Preached	15
Conversions.	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	1

M. D. HYATT

Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	52
Conversions.	11
Funerals	1

WILLIE JENNINGS

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	91
Conversions.	15
Marriages.	5
Funerals	12
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2
Offerings Received	\$ 337.30

LARRY RICK KINCER

Churches Pastored.	1
Revivals	4
Sermons Preached	75
Conversions.	9
Received Into Church	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2

LEE. L. KNOWLES

Revivals	2
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Sermons Preached	54
Conversions.	9
Funerals	1

DONALD McDAVID

Churches Pastored	2
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	65
Conversions.	12
Marriages.	2
Funerals	4
Offerings Received	\$1,200.00

JAMES VERNON McDAVID

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	96
Conversions.	6
Received Into Church	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2

RONALD MORRISON

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	4
Sermons Preached	68
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4

JOHN CLIFFORD PIERSON

Churches Pastored	1
Sermons Preached	45
Marriages.	3
Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3

CHARLES PUCKETT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	51
Conversions.	49
Received Into Church	2
Marriages.	1

Funerals	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2

RONALD PUCKETT

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	40
Conversions.	8
Received Into Church	1
Marriages.	2
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	2
Offerings Received	\$836.05

J. B. QUILLEN

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	21
Marriages.	2
Funerals	5

ROBERT L. RAMEY

Revivals	1
Sermons Preached	15
Conversions.	5
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	1

TERRY LEE RHOTON

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	58
Conversions.	6
Marriages.	1
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3
Offerings Received	\$ 728.77

JESSIE L. ROGERS

Sermons Preached	18
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4

L. W. SALLING

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	3
Sermons Preached	62
Conversions.	3
Marriages.	12
Funerals	2
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3
Offerings Received	\$ 450.00

PAUL L. SMITH

Sermons Preached	28
Conversions.	12
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4

LONNIE TOWNSEND

Churches Pastored	1
Revivals	2
Sermons Preached	47
Conversions.	77
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3
Offerings Received	\$ 852.00

RAY KENNETH WHEELOCK

Sermons Preached	11
Conversions.	3
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	3
Offerings Received	\$ 30.00

MARVIN WINKLE

Churches Pastored	1
Baptized	3
Sermons Preached	50
Conversions.	5
Marriages.	3
Funerals	1
Quarterly Meetings Attended.	4
Offerings Received	\$ 3,370.00

Ministers Who Did Not Report This Year:

Midway Quarterly Meeting:

Eckel Carter

Glen C. Hillman

Sunbright Quarterly Meeting:

Kyle Akers

Hugh Arrington

Carl France

Ronald D. Stapleton

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION

Delegate.	Donna Crabtree
Delegate.	Sophie Darnell
Delegate.	JoAnn Myers
Number Quarterly Meetings	4
Number Quarterly Meetings Reported.	4
Number of Churches.	19
Church Membership	861
Members Received.	20
Members Dismissed	8
Members Deceased.	3
Number of Sunday Schools.	19
Sunday School Enrollment.	915
Number of Women's Auxiliaries	3
Women's Auxiliaries Enrollment.	70
Number of Master's Men.	1
Master's Men Enrollment	12
Number of Ordained Ministers.	43
Number of Licentiates	2
Number of Ordained Deacons.	45
Paid Pastors.	\$ 20,921.89
Paid Evangelistics.	\$ 3,238.16
Literature.	\$ 5,581.47
Charity	\$ 8,186.32
Foreign Missions.	\$ 3,748.82
Home Missions	\$ 3,328.02
Children's Home	\$ 4,317.79
Building and Repairs.	\$ 21,257.04
Total Expenditures.	\$ 99,180.69

Value of Church Property.	\$1,040,000.00
Number of Parsonages.	1
Value of Parsonages	\$ 60,000.00
Number of Fellowship Halls.	2
Value of Fellowship Halls	\$ 80,000.00
Enclosed for Association.	\$ 480.00
State Dues	\$ 190.00
National Dues	\$ 190.00

Eckel Herron, Moderator
James Myers, Clerk

CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION MINISTERS

Elders:

Jeff Crabtree, Rt. 2, Independence Drive,
Kingsport, TN
Rón Morrison, Rt. 16, Box 378, Gray, TN
Marvin Winkle, 2021 Todd Drive, Kingsport, TN
Jessie L. Rogers, 320 Gaines Street, Kingsport, TN
Charles Puckett, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA.
Glen Hillman, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Eckle Carter, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Eritt Darnell, Rt. 1, Box 132, Fort Blackmore, VA
Willie Ashworth, Clinchport, VA
Ronald Puckett, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
Terry Rhoton, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
John Clifford Pierson, 853 Pace Street, Kingsport,
TN
J. B. Quillen, Rt. 2, Independence Drive,
Kingsport, TN
William Bise, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Lubert Hammond, Clinchport, VA
L. W. Sallings, Rt. 1, Fort Blackmore, VA
William Jennings, 206 Virgil Street, Kingsport, TN
Samuel Bowen, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA.
Lonnie Townsend, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
James Baker, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
James McDavid, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
Jimmie Combs, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Howard Bowen, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
George Hubbard, 2309 Cranshaw Drive, Kingsport, TN

Eckel Herron, Rt. #4, Gate City, VA
Milligan Herron, P. O. Box 36, Gate City, VA
Kyle Akers, Rt. 1, Clinchport, VA
M. D. Hyatt, Jonesborough, TN
Robert Ramey, Fall Branch, TN
Rufus Hood, Rt. 3, Clinchport, VA
Pat Bishop, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
Glen Dockery, Kingsport, TN
Fred Gillenwater, Gate City, VA
Kenny Hammond, Rt. 4, Gate City, VA
Carl France, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Paul Smith, Rt. 3, Gate City, VA
William Bowen, Rt. 1, Duffield, VA
Rick Kincer, Rt. 4, Clinchport, VA.
Lee Knowles, West Carters Valley, Church Hill, TN
Wrightly Lane, Rt. 1, Gate City, VA
Ronald Stapleton, Gate City, VA
Roy K. Wheelock, Rt. 12, Easy Street, Kingsport, TN

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. The Bible: - The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are 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 Freewill 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 delegate, 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 Freewill Baptist Quarterly Meeting, composed of such churches as conform to the practices, and adopt the doctrines of the Freewill Baptist domination, 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 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 domination, as in its judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interests of the churches and the 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 recorded at the next previous session.

BY-LAWS OF THE
CLINCH VALLEY ASSOCIATION
OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS

Article I

Each session of this association shall be called to order by the clerk, or in his absence the assistant clerk, or in their absence the senior minister in years. They will then give charge to the moderator; or in his absence the assistant moderator; or in the absence of both, a moderator and assistant will be elected from the floor.

Article II

Each session shall be opened by reading a portion of the Bible and prayer and shall end with prayer.

Article III

Membership: The acting members of this association shall be the ordained deacons and ministers who (a) belong to member conferences in good standing, (b) comply with the rules and regulations of their Quarterly Conference and (c) comply with the rules and regulations of this yearly association.

These will be considered standing delegates and will transact business along with the regularly elected delegates as prescribed in Article II of the constitution of this yearly association.

Article IV

Duties of Officers:

Section 1: Moderator -

(a) It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all the business sessions of the association.

(b) He is to see that all business is carried on according to Robert's Rules of Order Revised (1915 edition).

(c) He is to maintain proper Christian order and discipline.

(d) He is to call and preside over any special called meeting of the association between sessions should an emergency arise that warrants immediate attention. (The voting body of such special sessions will consist of all standing delegates and those lay delegates who were seated at the last regular session of this association.)

(e) His tenure of office shall begin at the opening of the regular session for which he was elected and end at the opening of the next regular session.

Section 2: Clerk -

(a) Call each session of this conference to order with reading of scripture and prayer.

(b) Read the letters sent from member Quarterly Meetings.

(c) Enroll all ordained officials present.

(d) Keep clear and concise records of all proceedings of this body whether in special session or in regular session.

(e) Perform such duties as his office may direct.

Section 3: Treasurer -

(a) He will keep accurate records of all association finances and be ready to report such at the direction of the conference.

Section 4: Executive Committee -

(a) Select speaker for each session.

(b) Choose the meeting place for the next session.

(c) Handle special issues when referred to them by any member of the body.

Article V

Government:

Section 1

This body will be governed as stipulated in the most current Treatise of the Freewill Baptists.

Section 2

The Moderator's rulings will stand unless challenged, seconded, and passed by a 2/3 majority vote.

Section 3

Any person not a member of this association may be allowed to take part in it's discussions by general consent of the voting body.

Section 4

No person shall be allowed to speak more than 10 minutes or twice on the same subject except by express permission from the moderator.

Section 5

No women will be received as ministers or deacons.

Article VI

Business:

Section 1

Such business will be transacted as set forth in Article VI of the constitution of this body.

Section 2

This body will yearly listen to reports from each individual minister. The examination and reporting will be as follows:

(a) Each member will be required to report each year in the prescribed manner. Failure to do so for two consecutive years constitutes a breach of faith and he will be reported to his Quarterly Meeting to have his credentials recalled.

(b) He will be required to report in person unless providentially hindered. Persons subject to such hinderances will be allowed to report by letter.

(c) This body will vote on his report as to his ministerial conduct and standing and issue cards of good standing based on his effectiveness and reliability as a minister.

(d) All ministers who do not receive a card of good standing will be reported to their Quarterly Meeting for its action.

(e) The clerk has the power to write the Quarterly Meeting clerk and so notify the Quarterly Meeting when a minister has not reported to the association for two years. The Quarterly Meeting Ordaining Council will then be instructed to take the ministers credentials. After the following

procedure has been followed by the association's clerk and the Quarterly Meeting does not comply, their letter will not be accepted by this association.

NOTE: An exception to this rule can be made in cases of physical disability at the recommendation of the Quarterly Meeting, subject to the approval of this association.

Article VII

Revision of these By-Laws will be by a vote of the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

NOTES

See note p. 4

