

MINUTES

=====OF THE=====

Forty-Fifth Annual Session

=====OF THE=====

Fayetteville Baptist Association

**Held With Prairie Grove Church
Sept. 3-5, 1915**

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**Moderator, Elder H. C. WINSTED, Evansville, Ark.
Clerk, Elder C. S. FARMER, Farmington, Ark.**

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**Next Session to be Held With Prairie View Church,
Beginning Friday Before the First Sunday in September,
1916, at 10 a. m.**

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The Association met with the Prairie Grove Church Friday, Sept. 3rd, 1915.

After devotional services conducted by A. C. Dees, by reading the First Psalm, and prayer, the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Called for letters, and received letters from the following named Churches and messengers names enrolled.

Bros. J. F. Parker and E. S. Thompson were appointed as reading clerks.

New Hope—S. M. Claypool, J. A. Luper, J. Allen Luper.

Center Point—N. G. Roberts, L. E. Roberts, N. W. Phillips.

Goshen—Will Blake.

Friendship—A. M. Reed.

Providence—W. C. Hamby, O. M. White.

Elm Springs—E. R. Chiles.

Springdale—W. I. Elledge, E. F. Rice, E. S. Thompson.

Apostolic—H. W. Miller, P. C. Miller, Mac Johnson.

Shady Grove—J. N. B. Hepler, G. W. Brooks.

Wedington—A. C. Dees.

Pleasant Valley—O. L. Lierly, R. N. Duncan, U. L. Danner.

Little Elm—J. A. Jackson, Jno Beaver, C. L. Gibson.

Bethlehem—M. H. Spyres, Sister M. H. Spyres, W. J. Farmer.

Spring Creek—W. F. Grimsley, W. Sharp, J. Dannum.

Prairie Grove—S. R. Wilson, H. P. Greene, C. A. Broughton.

Oakland—F. A. Grove, E. C. Conly, T. Bridgewater.

Spring Valley—A. Sanders, H. G. Garrett, Ella Sanders.

11 a. m.—Introductory Sermon was preached by W. I. Elledge.
Subject, Old Time Religion. Text 44th Psalm 1-4-7 verses.

After the sermon we were led in prayer by M. H. Hunt.

Motion that we stand adjourned to 1:30 p. m

Dismissed with prayer by A. N. Sanders.

1:30 p. m.—Called to order by the Moderator and prayer by
J. H. Pigman.

The reading of letters was resumed.

Pleasant Home—C. S. Farmer, H. N. Farmer, W. H. Cohea.

Fall Creek—T. M. McWhorter, Thomas Lee, May Guthrie.

Vineyard—W. B. McAtee, E. C. Winsted.

Valley Grove—D. L. Hood, Elsie Hood.

Motion that we go into permanent organization.

Called for nominations for Moderator. D L. Hood and H. C.
Winsted were placed in nomination.

Motion that nominations close. Bros. E. S. Thompson and J.
F. Parker were appointed tellers. The vote was taken and H. C.
Winsted declared elected.

Motion that we make it unanimous.

Nominations for Clerk were called for and C. S. Farmer was
placed in nomination.

Motion to elect by acclamation.

The letter from Mt. Vernon was read and Messenger's name
enrolled, M. Bryan.

Reading of Rules of Order from the Chair.

Motion that we take recess of one and a quarter hour to
attend the funeral of Mr. B. A. Carl.

Motion that the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate
the report of the Springdale reception of alien immersion.

3:00 p. m.—Had recess 1¼ hours.

4:15 p. m.—Called to order by Moderator.

Took up the impending motion.

Motion to table same.

The Moderator appointed the committee on Divine services to
be composed of messengers of the Prairie Grove church, with the
pastor and G. N. Brooks.

Called for corresponding messengers and received none.

Called for petitionary letters and received a letter from John-
son and messengers' name enrolled, Hugh Lichlyter, and motion to
receive the same carried

Received a petitionary letter from Fayetteville church and
messenger's names enrolled. M.P. Hunt, J. L. Neison, Mrs. H. Boss-
myer.

The Committee on Divine services reported that Bro. M. P. Hunt would preach here to-night.

Motion that we receive the Fayetteville church carried, and the hand of fellowship was extended by the Moderator.

Motion that we stand adjourned to 7:30 p.m. Dismissed with prayer by M. P. Hunt.

7:30 p. m —Met and after prayer by the Moderator, we had a sermon by M. P. Hunt from Eph. 2:10. Led in prayer by M. P. Hunt.

After preaching the Moderator announced the following committees :

Foreign Missions:—M. P. Hunt, A. C. Dees, P. C. Miller.

State Missions:—W. C. Hamby, O. L. Lierly, D. L. Hood.

Sunday Schools:—J. A. Luper, T. M. McWhorter, C. L. Gibson.

Publications:—E. F. Rice, F. A. Grove, G. W. Brooks.

Ministerial Education:—M. H. Spyres, W. B. McAtee, Thomas Lee.

Ministerial Support:—H. N. Miller, W. J. Farmer, H. P. Greene.

Romanism:—W. I. Elledge, Hugh Lichlyter, J. E. Baggett

Associational Missions:—E. S. Thompson, E. R. Chiles, A. M. Reed.

Orphans Home:—A. Sanders, R. N. Duncan, H. N. Farmer.

Temperance:—J. N. B. Hepler, H. M. Spyres, J. A. Jackson.

Nominations:—A. C. Dees, Wm. Sharp, S. R. Wilson, H. G. Garrett, Jas. Dannum

Finance:—E. C. Conley, W. L. Danner.

Obituaries:—W. F. Grimsley, Ella Sanders, S. M. Claypool.

Motion that we stand adjourned to 8:30 to-morrow morning.

Dismissed in prayer by D. L. Hood.

Saturday, Sept. 4th.

8:30 a. m —Met and after devotional services by H. N. Miller, by reading the First Psalm and prayer.

Called to order by Moderator.

Called for other letters and received letters from following named churches and messenger's names enrolled:

Mt. Pisgah—L. S. Snodgrass, H. M. Spyres, C. G. Sexton.

Mountain View—Jno. Zinamon, Jno. Moore, I. B. Earl.

The committee on Divine services made their report that W. C. Hamby would preach at 11 to-day, O. L. Lierly and H. N. Miller at 7:30 p. m, J. A. Smith at 11 a. m. Sunday. M. H. Spyres at 7:30 p. m, W. I. Elledge at Methodist church 11 a. m. Sunday, E. F.

Rice at 7:30 p. m., D. L. Hood at Southern Presbyterian at 11 a. m. Sunday, and W. C. Hamby at C. P. church Sunday.

Reading of minutes to present.

Motion that we make the Committee on Romanism permanent.

Called for visiting ministers and J. A. Smith's name from Little Rock was enrolled.

Motion that a committee on Home Missions be appointed and report.

The Treasurer made his report and the report was adopted

The Committee on Ministerial Support made their report, and after discussion was adopted

The letter from Prairie View church was read and messengers' names enrolled, J. E. Hooper, E. J. Cohea.

The Committee on Foreign and Home Missions made their reports and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on Romanism made their report, and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on Associational Missions made their report.

Motion that the report be recommitted to the Committee to confer with the Committee on Nominations and they bring a joint report.

11 a. m.—Took recess for preaching. Led in prayer by O. L. Lierly. We had a sermon by W. C. Hamby from Eph. 4:3-6.

Motion that we make 2:30 p. m. be special order for State Missions.

The Committee on Temperance made their report, and after discussion was deferred to afternoon.

Motion that we stand adjourned to 1:30 p. m.

Dismissed in prayer by M. P. Hunt.

1:30 p. m.—The association was opened with prayer by E. F. Rice.

A resolution was introduced against cigarettes.

The report on Temperance was adopted.

A motion to adopt the resolution on cigarettes and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on State Missions made their report, and after discussion was adopted.

The letter from Liberty church was read and messenger's names enrolled, M. R. Holland, Mrs. M. R. Holland, Laura English

The Committee on Orphan Home made their report and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Education made their report, and after discussion was adopted.

The joint reports of the Committees on Associational Missions and Nominations made their report.

Motion to refer ther report back to Committee.

Motion to grant W. B. McAtee leave of absence.

The Committee on Publication made their report, and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on Associational Missions and Nominations submitted their reports and was adopted.

The Missionary made his report and after discussion was adopted.

The Treasurer of Executive Board made his report, and after discussion was adopted.

The Committee on Sunday Schools made their report, and after discussion was adopted.

Motion to grant C. G. Sexton leave of absence.

The Committee on Obituaries made their report, and was adopted.

The Committee on Finance made their report, and was adopted.

Went into the selection of the next place of meeting. Springdale, Friendship and Prairie View were placed in nomination, the vote taken and Prairie View was declared the next place of meeting.

Motion to make it unanimous.

Motion that the Clerk be authorized to draw on the funds in hand to make up the deficit in the minute fund.

Motion that we stand adjourned to 7:30 p. m.

Dismissed in prayer by W. I. Elledge.

7:30 p. m.—Met and prayer by H. N. Miller. We had a sermon by O. L. Lierly and H. W. Miller from John 3:9.

After preaching we took pledges for Associational Missions:

Pledges for Associational Missions.

Apostolic \$10.00, paid; Bethlehem \$5.00; Fall Creek \$5 00; Friendship \$25.00; Little Elm \$15.00; Liberty \$5.00; Mt. Vernon \$5.00; Prairie Grove \$12.50; Springdale \$75.00; Spring Valley \$20.00; Wedington \$2.50; Vineyard \$5.00; New Hope S. S. \$2.50.

Personal Pledges.

J. A. Luper \$2.50; J. Allen Luper \$2.50, pd; H. P. Greene \$1.00, pd; E. F. Rice \$5.00; W. I. Elledge \$5 00; C. S. Farmer \$2.50; Prairie Grove L. A. S. \$5.00; W. L. Danner \$4 00; M. R. Holland \$2 50; L. A. S., Springdale \$5.00; H. C. Winsted \$1.00, pd.; I. Irby \$1.00, pd.; Jno. Beaver \$2.00, pd.

Motion that we stand adjourned until 9 a. m to-morrow.

Dismissed with prayer by W. I. Elledge.

Sunday, Sept. 5th.

9 a. m.—After devotional services by Moderator by reading a part of the 18th Psalm and prayer by M. H. Spyres.

Called to order by Moderator.

Motion that we shake hands with Bro. H. P. Greene as a token that we will grant him his request to remember him in our prayers in his declining years, and we added for his work's sake, which was a pleasure to us all.

Motion the present elected Executive Board be authorized to make any temporary arrangements they see fit for Missionary to the meeting of the Executive Board.

Resolution No. 2 read and adopted and the Clerk asked to furnish the local paper with a copy of same.

Reading of minutes to present and adopted.

The association by a rising vote and shaking hands with our Moderator that we would remember him in our prayers.

Motion that the association stand adjourned till time and place for next meeting.

Dismissed with prayer by D. L. Hood.

H. C. WINSTED, Moderator.

C. S. FARMER, Clerk.

Note.—I received \$2.50 for Associational Mission and .75 for O. H. Center Point church.

Clerk.

List of Ordained Ministers and Addresses.

Name	Address
H. W. Miller - - -	Goshen
L. G. Earl - - -	Strickler
A. C. Taylor - - -	Blackburn
M. H. Spyres - - -	"
C. Branson - - -	"
J. A. Bacon - - -	Evansville
W. B. McAtee - - -	"
H. C. Winsted - - -	"
D. L. Hood - - -	Elkins
J. A. Stone - - -	"
A. C. Dees - - -	Rhea
G. W. Setser - - -	Elm Springs.
W. C. Hamby - - -	Fayetteville
M. P. Hunt - - -	"
G. W. Albright - - -	Lincoln
H. M. Spyres - - -	"
S. P. Kenedy - - -	West Fork
H. C. Stansbury - - -	Baldwin
J. E. Baggett - - -	Wyman
O. L. Lierly - - -	Harris
W. S. Luper - - -	Johnson
G. P. Hanks - - -	"
E. A. Barry - - -	Hindsville
Floyd Tillman - - -	Sonora
W. I. Elledge - - -	Springdale
E. F. Rice - - -	"
J. D. Beavers - - -	"
J. H. Pigman - - -	"
J. T. Boyd - - -	"
J. N. B. Helper - - -	"
Gomer Tillman - - -	"
P. L. Spyres - - -	"
J. D. Carr - - -	Prairie Grove
J. F. Parker - - -	"
E. L. Conry - - -	"
C. S. Farmer - - -	Farmington

Licensed.

T. Bridgewater - - -	Fayetteville
Lee Warren - - -	Springdale

Reports of Committees

Associational Missions.

We your committee on Associational Missions and nominations submit the following recommendations.

We consider the Associational Mission work one of the chief interests of our churches. We find that the Lord has abundantly blessed the work of our Missionary the past year and that the needs are as great if not greater. Therefore we recommend that this association take up this feature of our work for the salvation of the lost and upbuilding of our Lord's Kingdom with renewed interest.

We find that the churches are not supporting the work as they should and we recommend that each church of our association contribute Quarterly to this work.

We recommend the following brethren as composing the Executive Board: Bro. F. A. Grane of Oakland; Bro. A. M. Reed of Friendship; Bro. J. R. Harris of Fayetteville; Bro. S. R. Wilson of Prairie Grove; Bro. E. B. Cummings of Springdale, Ark. Also each church is authorized to elect one member of said executive board.

We recommend the place of meeting of our next association be left to the vote of this body.

We also recommend that the Articles of Faith and church Covenant be printed in the minutes.

We further recommend that Bro. J. F. Parker preach the introductory sermon next year and Bro. C. S. Farmer, alternate.

Respectfully submitted,

E. S. Thompson, Ch'mn.

A. C. Dees,

W. F. Sharp,

J. S. Dannum,

E. R. Chiles,

H. G. Garrett,

Committee.

State Missions.

Your committee on State Missions would report as follows: As the days go by the great importance of State Missions grows on the student of missions.

If the Baptist denomination would become weak and lame and lose its power at home and abroad, let us cease to emphasize State Missions.

State Missions by the churches operating through the State Convention and the State Association includes revival meetings in destitute places and in weak churches, baptizing, reviving and enlisting laggard churches, colportage, projecting and helping to build church houses, and aiding weak churches in supporting Pastors, raising church debts, and whatever else will send far and wide the pure gospel of Christ and upbuild the Baptist cause in this great State. Both of these agencies are in need of money to meet their needs of the work.

So your committee would make the following recommendations.

First. That agonizing prayer be made daily by all our people for God to lead us out of debt.

Second. That every pastor get all possible information about State Missions and give out in burning messages to his people.

Third. That he try to give his people a larger vision of State Missions, and faithfully endeavor to secure an offering from every one of his members, and from every organization in the churches.

It is the time for a great strong self sacrificing heroic pull all over the State.

D. L. Hood,
W. C. Hamby,
O. L. Lierly,
Committee.

Home Missions

By Home Missions we have reference to the great work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, Ga. The primal task of this board is the assisting of state boards, to care for problems of destitution that they would be otherwise unable to care for. It is doing a phenomenally great and important work.

In our strategic centers like St. Louis, Memphis and New Orleans, is helping to save the day to Baptists. In this State with its appalling destitution it is putting some fifteen thousand dollars a year.

It is also doing an important work among the Indians in Oklahoma, Texas and Florida.

It is doing a work of incalculable value among the negroes. Its work among the foreigners is of the utmost moment

Perhaps its greatest work is its great evangelistic force that is bringing literally, thousands into the churches and ushering in for many a church a new day of strength and power.

Its enlistment work by which it is seeking to enlist and

develop all of the unenlisted churches of our Southland, while comparatively new, has already demonstrated that it is latent with great possibilities.

We urge the taking of the Home Field that our people may inform themselves of the great work of this mighty force for the bringing in of the Kingdom.

Last year more than 33,000 baptisms were reported.

The General Association is also doing home mission work and has seven missionaries.

M. P. Hunt,

P. C. Miller,

A. C. Dees.

Report on Foreign Missions.

By Foreign Missions we mean our efforts to give the gospel to the benighted in the heathen and papal lands beyond.

This is the work that had the first place in the heart of our Lord as evidenced by His great commission, "Go ye therefore and teach all nations."

To fail to obey this impeorative command of our Lord is to be heterodox at the most vital point. There is no denying that this association in this first and greatest work of the Kingdom makes a lamentable showing.

Your committee would urge that pastors and messengers from the churches see to it that in the coming year this work of Foreign Missions is presented, stressed and a good offering secured. The every member canvass, where whole heartedly worked, has in every way more than justified itself.

Our Foreign Mission Board located at Richmond, Va., is composed of eighteen local and eighteen State members. We have missions in Italy, Brazil, Mexico, Argentine, China, Japan and Africa. In these fields the missionaries reported last year 382 churches with 819 out-stations, 33,584 members, 442 Sunday Schools with 23,959 scholars.

In our Mission schools we have 8,833 students, of these 344 are in Theological Seminaries and Training Schools preparing to preach the gospel to their own people.

We have 300 missionaries and 651 native workers. Last year we sent out 20 new missionaries. These were 5,190 baptisms.

The terrible scourge of war that is devastating in a way that beggars description, the old world, makes the missionary call to us more urgent than ever.

We urge that every home take the Foreign Mission Journal and keep in sympathetic and prayerful touch with this work.

Last year in order to pay the missionaries and keep our work going our board was compelled to pay out more than \$15,000 in interest and yet not withstanding this and other large items of expense in conducting the work voted by the Southern Baptist Convention, yet let it be noted that 88 cents of every dollar actually reached the workers on the foreign field.

The General association of our state is also doing some foreign work, the extent of which your committee is unfamiliar with.

M. P. Hunt,
A. C. Dees,
P. C. Miller.

Report of Associational Missionary.

Report of Missionary beginning January 10th, 1915. Ending
September 3rd, 1915; time worked 7 months, 2 days.

Meetings		Collections	
Mount Vernon Church	- -	\$12 75	
Little Elm	" - -	17.70	
Pleasant Home	" - -	2.25	
Mount Pisga	" - -	5.61	
Fall Creek	" - -	5.15	
Bethlehem	" - -	5.75	
Mountain View Collection			
Bro. and Sister Moore		.50	
Bro. and Sister Storkey		.50	
Sister Beckman		.50	
Sister Jim Farmer		1.00	2.50
Providenc	- - - -		6.00
Goshen	- - - -		1.67
Long View School House Meeting		-	.75
Oak Grove	" " - -		
Woolsey	- - - -		.85
Other points visited :			
Apostolic	- - - -		
Maguire	- - - -		
Prairie Grove	- - - -		
Spring Valley	- - - -		
Harris	- - - -		.50
Oakland	- - - -		
Friendship	- - - -		
Mountain Gap	- - - -		
Elm Springs	- - - -		7.50
Other moneys received :			
Sister C. S. Farmer (on pledge)	-		2.50
G. W. Smith	-		1.00
J. W. Bradley	- - -		
Spring Creek Church	- -		1.50
Total	- - -		\$73.98
Received of Treasurer	- -		250.00
Sermons preached	- -		220
Professions	- - -		23
Baptisms	- - -		17
Sunday Schools organized	-		1

A. N. Sanders

Report of Committee on Romanism.

We, as Baptists have always been in hearty sympathy with, and ardent supporters of the principles of democracy as set forth by the founders of this government. These principles stand for free government, religious liberty and an enlightened citizenship. Anything which directly or indirectly opposes these principles is un-American and undemocratic and therefore unsafe as a factor in American life.

There has become evident during recent years a tendency on the part of the Roman Catholic element in this nation to bring this nation in subjection to the principles of that hierarchy. A subsidized press, continued activity in politics, opposition to our system of public schools, efforts to keep the Bible out of the schools are some of the means used to accomplish the aim. We commend the agitation whose aim is to counteract this influence. Let it be stated that we do not believe the semi-political aspect of the Roman Catholic church to be in accord with the Bible teaching in regard to Religious institution.

W. I. Elledge,
Hugh Lichiyter.

Publications.

We your committee on Publications make the following report:

Realizing that there is much literature and many publications that are for sale, and some also, of free distribution that are dishonoring to God, and a great hindrance to His cause.

We recommend that as parents that we discourage the reading of the same in the homes and as far as possible keep it out of the hands of our children and others as well.

That we see to it that the Bible is read and studied in the homes and that one or more good sound religious papers are provided for the home.

We recommend the use of books, tracts and other helps to the study of God's word by men that have given his word careful and prayerful study, but only as helps and not to destroy our own interpretation or understanding of his word.

E. F. Rice,
G. W. Brooks.
F. A. Grane,
Committee.

Report on Sunday Schools.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report that we find from reading the letter that some of the churches do not use Baptist literature. We therefore recommend that every Baptist church use Baptist literature, and we believe that it is certainly urgent that parents attend at all times when possible and give encouragement to the churches.

J. A. Looper,
T M. McWhorter,
Committee.

Ministerial Support.

We your committee on Ministerial Support beg to submit the following :

Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel. We recommend that every member contribute regularly, liberally and cheerfully to the support of this great work.

H. W. Miller,
H. P. Greene,
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Report of Executive Board.

The Executive Board submit the following report :

We have received the following amounts :

From	Bro. Walter Phillips	-	-	\$7.50
"	Clerk of Association	-	-	161.09
"	Center Point Church, by			
	Bro. N. W. Phillips	-		1.00
"	Sister L. S. Bragg	-		1.00
"	Bro. Randolph McCollough,			
	of Kansas	-		2.50
"	Bro. Robt. Waldron	-	-	1.00
"	Sister A. Houston	-	-	1 00
"	Spring Valley Church	-	-	4 40
"	Elm Springs Church	-	-	2.50
"	Oakland Church	-	-	10.00
"	Bro. H. G. Garrett	-	-	2.00
"	Spring Creek Church	-	-	11.00
"	Elder W. I. Elledge	-	-	5.00
"	Bro. Ted Sanders	-	-	1.00
"	Bro. Will Sanders	-	-	2.50
"	Sister Craig	-	-	1.00
"	Bro. and Sister Grane	-	-	7.50
"	Elder P. L. Hood	-	-	5.00
"	Sister Kelley	-	-	50
"	Springdale Sunday School	-	-	10.00
"	C. S. Farmer	-	-	3.91
"	Springdale Church	-	-	77.00
"	O. L. Lierly	-	-	2.00
"	Bro. P. C. Miller and Apostolic			
	Church	-	-	5.50
Total				\$325.90

Paid to Bro. Sanders \$250.00. This together with amount collected by Bro. Sanders on the field amounts to \$354.00. We were late in getting a missionary on the field, but we are glad to know the Lord has blessed the labor of Bro. Sanders in the Salvation of a number of souls. We have a balance in the treasury of \$75.90.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. Conley, Sec-Treas.

Resolution No. 1.

Resolutions Against Cigarettes.

Whereas, the cigarette habit is fast growing in this country, and whereas, its effects are pernicious and deadly, destroying both the mental and physical powers, sapping the vitality of the youths addicted thereto, so that just as they ought to be coming to the zenith of their powers, they have to drop out of the race of life, and after a lingering existence that is worse than death, fall into their graves physical, mental and spiritual wrecks.

Therefore, be it Resolved, that this association puts itself on record as unalterably opposed to the use of cigarettes, and that we urge parents, pastors, Sunday School teachers, superintendents and public school teachers, to use every opportunity for the combatting of this evil, and that they pledge every boy coming under their influence against the use of the same.

Resolution No. 2

Resolved: That we the messengers composing the Fayetteville Baptist Association, in session, extend to the Prairie Grove Baptist Church and the citizens of Prairie Grove our heartfelt thanks for the many courtesies and kindness shown us. Especially do we appreciate the hospitality extended us in the homes of the members of other churches, and the invitation to the ministers in this body to preach in the pulpits of the churches of the town.

Obituaries

We, your committee on Obituaries report as follows:

Deceased since we last met: Bro. Jas. Miller, Sister Mary Phillips, Sister S. H. Searcy, Sister Helen Reagan, Springdale. Sister Sarah Putman, Sister Jesse Pruner, Spring Valley. Sister Harrette Brown, Sister Jane Loyd, Spring Creek. M. C. Cook. Wedington. Bro. J. G. Nelson, Habberton. J. F. Nichols, New Hope. Sister Mary Mullholland, H. M. Harballt, C. W. Owen, Fayetteville. Sister Agnes Gibson of Little Elm. While we are made to feel sad by missing their glad faces, yet we are made to exclaim: Blessed are the dead that die in the Lord and have entered into their blessed rest. Let us as an association implore God's blessings on the bereaved.

W. F. Grimsley,
S. M. Claypool,
Mrs. Allen Sanders.

Treasurer's Report.

Your Treasurer would submit the following report :

Received from Finance Committee for			
Associational Missions	-	-	\$231.40
L. L. Johnson, back dues	-	-	1.00
Minutes and Clerk	-	-	22.10
Texarkana Orphan Home	-	-	7.77
Monticello " "	-	-	3.65
State Missions	-	-	2.50
Foreign "	-	-	.50
Ministerial Education	-	-	1.00
By Public Collection			
State Missions	-	-	\$7.70
Texarkana Orphan Home	-	-	6.64
Monticello " "	-	-	1.62
By Mrs. C. S. Farmer for Texarkana O. H.			
From Vineyard Church for Minutes	-	-	\$1.00
Associational Missions	-	-	2.50
Little Elm Church for Minutes	-	-	.65
Center Point for Minutes	-	-	.75
Pleasant Home S. S. Pledge	-	-	1.00
Due Association, on pledge by self	-	-	7.64
Total	-	-	\$299.93

EXPENDITURES

L. L. Johnson	-	-	-	\$75.00
Executive Board	-	-	-	161.09
J. A. Smith	-	-	-	10.20
Texarkana O. H.	-	-	-	14.25
Monticello O. H.	-	-	-	5.27
J. N. Vermillion for Ministerial Education	-	-	-	1.00
Minutes	-	-	-	20.00
Clerk	-	-	-	10.00
Express on Minutes	-	-	-	.25
Postage and stationery	-	-	-	1.45
Blank Association letters	-	-	-	.75
Total	-	-	-	\$299.26

C. S. Farmer.

Report of Finance Committee.

Churches	Minutes and Clerk	Associational Missions	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Texasana O. H.	Total
Vineyard	1.00					1.00
Elm Springs	1.00					1.00
Mt. Pisga	1.50	6.50				8.00
Little Elm	1.00					1.00
Providence	.25					.25
Friendship	1.25	3.31				4.56
New Hope	.50	5.00				5.50
Johnson	1.00					1.00
Pleasant Valley	.80	3.75			3.00	7.55
Fall Creek	1.10					1.10
Spring Valley	1.46					1.46
Spring Creek	.95					.95
Apostolic	1.25		2.00	1.00	2.00	6.25
Mt. Vernon	.50				1.50	2.00
Shady Grove	1.00	5.00				6.00
Center Point	1.00	5.25			4.00	10.25
C. S. Farmer		2.00				2.00
Oakland	2.00					2.00
Goshen	.50		1.50	.50	2.50	5.00
Prairie Grove	1.00	7.75				8.75
Springdale	3.00					3.00
Dutch Mills	1.00	10.00				11.00
Prairie View	.60					.60
Valley Grove	.75					.75
Mountain View	.50					.50
Wedington	1.25	2.50				3.75
Bethlehem	.60					.60
Pleasant Home	.70	2.25				2.70
J. F. Parker			1.00			
Total	27.46	53.31	4.50	1.50	13.00	99.77

Respectfully submitted

E. C. Conley.

W. L. Danner.

Membership Directory

Names of Churches	Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Member-ship	Meeting Day
Apostolic	1			1		3	54	2
Bethlehem	2	4	1				25	1
Center Point							49	
Elm Springs	2	2		4			43	
Friendship	9	5		10			70	
Fall Creek		4		2			33	2
Fayetteville	13	59		24	3		491	E.S.
Goshen				4		1	24	
Johnson	2	10					12	
Little Elm	15			4	1	1	96	1&3
Liberty		4		8			70	
Mountain View							23	1
Mt Pisgah		4		6	1		99	3
Mt. Vernon		2		1	1		63	
New Hope	9	2	1	7	1		64	
Oakland	17	5		3		4	96	3
Pleasant Home		2		2		1	41	
Pleasant Valley	2	2					34	1
Prairie Grove		2		2	1			1&4
Prairie View				1			41	2
Providence		3					34	2
Springdale	26	77		32	3	1	381	1234
Spring Creek	3	3		3	2		96	3
Spring Valley	15	2	1	2	2	2	114	1&3
Shady Grove				6			50	4
Vineyard				4			36	4
Valley Grove				1			22	
Wedington	1			5	1		76	4

Note.—Did not know the meeting days of all. Please give it next time.

Statistical Table

Churches	Value Church Property	Building and Repairs	Pastors Salary	Incidentals	Associational Missions	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphans Home	Minutes
Apostolic			36.00			2.00		1.00	2.00	1 25
Bethlehem					5.75					.50
Center Point			42.90		5.00				4.00	1.00
Elm Springs			100.00	18.00	10.00	1.00		1.00	7.15	1.00
Fall Creek			30 00	1.80	5.15					1.10
Fayetteville	46000.00	4069.00	2300.00	198.75		62.50	124.50	147.46	148.65	
Friendship	800.00		100.00	14.75	3.31		4.31	4.30		1.25
Goshen			13 00		1.50			.50	2.50	.25
Johnson										1.00
Liberty	600.00		41.85							1.00
Little Elm	1000.00		60.00		10.00				5.25	2.00
Mt Pisgah	1000.00		50.00		6.46					1.50
Mt. Vernon	1000.00		19.20		12.75					.50
Mountain View			25.30		2.00					.50
New Hope	550.00	2.00	48 00	12.00	5.00					.50
Oakland	1000.00	12.50	100.00	6.40	17.50	3.50			5.00	2.00
Pleasant Home	550.00		45.00		5.00	5.00		1.00		.70
Pleasant Valley			27.60	13.49	3.75				3.00	.80
Prairie Grove	1000.00		90.00		8.75	3.00	2.50	6.50	10.00	1.00
Prairie View			28.00							.60
Providence			32.50		6.00					.25
Shady Grove	500.00				5.00					1.00
Spring Creek	800 00	10.00	100.00		12.50				11.92	.95
Springdale	7500.00	2500.00	870 00	95.44	87.00	65.50	10.00	40.00	63.40	3.00
Spring Valley	1500.00		175.00	12.00	12.00					1 50
Valley Grove			26.50		3.00				2.00	.75
Vineyard			50.00		5.00					1.00
Wedington					2.50					1.25

Church Directory.

Churches	Pastor and Address	Clerk and Address
Apostolic	O. L. Lierly, Harris	Claud Saulsbery, Sydenham
Bethlehem	M. H. Spyres, Blackburn	W. J. Farmer, Blackburn
Center Point	J. E. Baggett, Wyman	N. W. Phillips, Wyman
Elm Springs	T. F. Jones, Decatur	G. T. Grammer, Elm Springs
Fall Creek	C. S. Farmer, Farmington	Leo. McWhorter, West Fork
Fayetteville	M. P. Hunt, Fayetteville	W. E. McWhorter, Fayetteville
Friendship	D. L. Hood, Elkins	A. M. Reed, Springdale
Goshen	O. L. Lierly, Harris	Bessie Blake, Goshen
Johnson	— Crawford, Purdy, Mo.	B. F. Johnson, Johnson
Liberty	J. L. Allbright, Lincoln	E. W. Luginbuel, Summers
Little Elm	Floyd Tillman, Sonora	J. A. Jackson, Farmington
Mt. Pisgah	A. C. Dees, Summers	C. G. Sexton, Lincoln
Mt. Vernon	O. L. Lierly, Harris	G. O. Trammel, Habberton
Mountain View	C. S. Farmer, Farmington	I. B. Earl, Strickler
New Hope	J. E. Baggett, Wyman	J. A. Luper, Johnson
Oakland	L. L. Johnson, Lowell	J. M. Warren, Fayetteville
Pleasant Home	H. C. Winstead, Evansville	H. N. Farmer, Prairie Grove
Pleasant Valley	O. L. Lierly, Harris	Emma N. Wood, Goshen
Prairie Grove	J. F. Parker, Prairie Grove	S. R. Wilson, Prairie Grove
Prairie View	J. F. Parker, Prairie Grove	J. E. Hooper, Prairie Grove
Providence	Floyd Tillman, Sonora	Nora White, Farmington
Shady Grove	Gomer Tillman, Springdale	C. W. Brooks, Johnson
Spring Creek	L. L. Johnson, Lowell	W. F. Grimsly, Springdale
Springdale	W. I. Elledge, Springdale	E. S. Thompson, Springdale
Spring Valley	D. L. Hood, Elkins	Harry Puryear, Spring Valley
Valley Grove	D. L. Hood, Elkins	Millie Hood, Elkins
Vineyard	J. N. Allbright, Lincoln	R. M. Denton, Evansville
Wedington	A. C. Dees, Summers	J. E. Dees, Rhea

Sunday School Statistics.

Churches	Superintendent and Address	Kind of Literature	Officers and Teachers	Enrolled	Expenses
Apostolic		Bible	6	37	
Bethlehem		Bible	6	25	
Center Point	M. Y. Henson, Fayetteville	Landmark	7	30	
Elm Springs	W. A. George, Elm Springs	Landmark	7	35	18.00
Fall Creek	T. M. McWhorter, West Fork	Southern Baptist	8	50	
Fayetteville	A. G. Flowers, Fayetteville	Southern Baptist	32	400	150.00
Friendship	A. M. Reed, Springdale	Southern Baptist	10	56	16.65
Johnson	Rilla Main, Johnson	American Baptist	8	45	
Liberty	M. R. Holland, Dutch Mills	Southern Baptist	7	30	8 00
Little Elm	C. L. Gibson, Farmington	Landmark	8	60	8.25
Mt. Pisga	C. G. Sexton, Lincoln	Southern Baptist	7	85	
Mt. Vernon	F. M. Stobaugh, Habberton	Landmark	7	40	
New Hope	J. A. Luper, Johnson	American Baptist	7	43	13.17
Oakland	F. A. Grane, Fayetteville	Landmark	10	100	13.87
Pleasant Home	H. N. Farmer, Prairie Grove	Landmark	7	35	6.00
Prairie Grove	E. L. Conry, Prairie Grove	Southern Baptist	9	30	81.85
Prairie View	J. E. Hooper, Prairie Grove	Cook's	7	20	
Spring Creek	T. B. Wiseman, Springdale	American Baptist	8	75	
Springdale	E. S. Thompson, Springdale	American Baptist	21	492	175.21
Spring Valley	John Sanders, Spring Valley	Southern Baptist	8	55	
Vineyard	W. B. McAtee, Evansville	American Baptist	7	35	

Declaration of Faith

1. Of the Scriptures.

We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divine inspired, and is a perfect treasure of heavenly instruction; that it has God for its author, salvation for its end; and truth without any mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us; and therefore is and shall remain to the end of the world, the true center of Christian union, and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds and opinions should be tried.

Places in Bible were taught: 2 Tim. 3 : 16-17. 2 Peter 1 : 21. 2 Sam. 23 : 2. Acts 1 : 16, 3 : 21. Jno. 10 : 35. Luke 16 : 29-31. Ps. 119 : 111. Rom. 3 : 1-2. 2 Tim. 3 : 15. 1 Rev. 1 : 10-12 Acts 11 : 14. Rom. 1 : 16. Mark 16 : 16. Jno. 5 : 38-39. Pro. 30 : 5 6. Rom. 2 : 12. Jno. 12 : 47-48. 1 Cor. 4 : 3-4. Luke 10 : 10-16. Luke 12 : 47-48. Phil. 3 : 16 Eph. 4 : 3-6. Phil. 2 : 1-2. 1 Cor. 1 : 10. 1 Pet. 4 : 11. 1 Jno. 4 : 1 1 Isa 8 : 20. 1 Thess. 5 : 21. 2 Cor. 13 : 5. Acts 17 : 11. 1 Jno. 4 : 6. Jude 3-5 Eph. 4 : 17. Ps 119 : 59-60. Phil. 1 : 9-11.

II. Of the True God.

We believe that there is one and only one living and true God, an infinite intelligent Spirit, whose name is Jehovah, the maker and Supreme ruler of Heaven and Earth; inexpressibly glorious in holiness and worthy of all possible honor confidence and love; that in the unity of the Godhead there are three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Places in Bible where taught: 1 Jno. 4 : 24. Ps. 147 : 5. Ps. 83 : 18. Heb. 3 : 4. Rom. 1 : 20. Ex. 15 : 11. Isa. 6 : 3. 1 Pet. 1 : 15-16. Rev 4 : 6-8. Mark 12 : 30. Rev. 4 : 11. Matt. 10 : 37. Jer. 2 : 12-13. Matt. 28 : 19. Jno. 15 : 26. 1 Cor. 12 : 4-6 1 Jno. 5 : 7. Jno. 10 : 30. Jno. 5 : 17. Jno. 14 : 23. Jno. 17 : 5-10. Acts. 3 : 4. 1 Cor. 2 : 10-11. Phil. 3 : 56. Eph. 2 : 18. 2 Cor 13 : 14. Rev. 1 : 4-5.

III. Of the Fall of Man.

We believe that man was created in holiness under the law of his Maker; but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state; in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not by constraint but choice; being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, positively inclined to evil and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin; without defense or excuse.

Places in the Bible where taught: Gen. 1 : 27. Gen. 1 : 31. Ecc. 7 : 29. Acts. 15 : 26. Gen. 2 : 16. Gen. 3 : 6-24. Rom. 5 : 12. Rom. 5 : 19. Jno. 3 : 6. Ps. 51 : 5. Rom. 5 : 15-19. Rom. 8 : 7. Isa. 53 : 6. Gen. 6 : 12. Rom. 3 : 9-18. Eph. 2 : 1-3. Rom. 1 : 18. Rom. 1 : 32. Rom. 2 : 1-16. Gal. 3 : 10. Matt. 20 : 15. Ez. 18 : 19-20. Rom. 1 : 20. Rom. 3 : 19. Gal. 3 : 22.

IV. Of the Way of Salvation.

We believe that the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediatorial offices of the Son of God; who by the appointment of the Father, freely took upon him our nature yet without sin; honored the divine law by his personal obedience; and by his death made a full atonement for our sins; that having risen from the dead, he is now enthroned in heaven; and uniting in his wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfections he is every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all sufficient Saviour.

Places in Bible where taught: Eph. 2 : 5. Matt. 18 : 11. Jno. 4 : 10. 1 Cor. 3 : 5-7. Acts. 15 : 11. Jno. 3 : 16. Jno. 1 : 1-14. Heb. 4 : 14. Heb. 12 : 24. Phil. 2 : 6-7. Heb. 2 : 9-14. 2 Cor. 5 : 21. Isa. 42 : 21. Phil. 2 : 8. Gal. 4 : 4-5. Rom. 3 : 21. Isa. 53 : 4-5. Matt. 20 : 28. Rom. 4 : 25. Rom. 3 : 21-26. 1 Jno. 4 : 10. 1 Jno. 2 : 3. 1 Cor. 15 : 1-3. Heb. 9 : 13-15. Heb. 1 : 8. Heb. 1 : 3. Heb. 8 : 1. Col. 3 : 1-4. Heb. 7 : 25. Col. 2 : 9. Heb. 2 : 18. Heb. 7 : 26. Ps. 89 : 19.

V. Of Justification.

We believe that the great Gospel blessings which Christ secures to such as believe in him is Justification; that Justification includes the pardon of sin; and the promise of eternal life on principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of any works of righteousness which we have done, but solely through faith in the Redeemer's blood; by virtue of which faith his perfect

righteousness is freely imputed to us of God; that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and in favor with God, and secures every other blessing needful for time and eternity.

Places in Bible where taught: 1 Jno. 1 : 6. Eph 3 : 8. Acts. 13 : 39. Isa. 3 : 11-12. Rom. 8 : 1. Rom. 5 : 9. Zech. 13 : 1. Matt. 9 : 6. Acts. 8 ; 43. Rom. 5 : 17. Titus 3 : 5-6, 1 Peter 3 : 7. 1 Jno. 2 : 25. Rom. 5 : 21. Rom. 4 : 4-5. Rom. 5 ; 21. Rom. 6 : 23. Phil. 3 : 7-9. Rom. 5 : 19. Rom. 3 : 24-28. Rom. 4 : 23-25. 1 Jno. 2 : 12. Rom. 5 : 1-2. Rom. 5 ; 3. Rom 5 : 11. 1 Cor. 1 : 30-31. Matt. 6 : 33. 1 Tim. 4 : 8.

VI. Of the Freeness of Salvation.

We believe that the blessings of Salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to accept them by a cordial penitent and obedient faith; and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own inherent depravity and voluntary rejection of the Gospel; which rejection involves him in an aggravated condemnation.

Places in Bible where taught: Isa. 55 : 1. Rev. 22 : 17. Luke 14 : 17. Rom. 16 : 26. Mark 1 : 15. Rom. 1 : 15-17. Jno. 5 : 40. Matt. 23 : 37. Rom. 9 : 32. Pro. 1 : 24. Acts. 13 : 46. Jno. 3 : 19. Matt. 11 : 20. Luke 19 : 27. Thes. 1 : 8.

VII. Of Grace in Regeneration.

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again; that regeneration consists in giving a holy disposition to the mind; that it is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with Divine truth; so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance, and faith and newness of life.

Places in Bible where taught: Jno. 3 : 3. Jno. 3 : 6-7. 1 Cor. 1 : 14. Rev. 8 : 7-9. Rev. 21 : 27. 2 Cor. 5 : 17. Eze. 36 : 26. Deut. 30 : 6. Rom. 2 : 28-29 and 5 : 5. 1 Jno. 4 : 7. Jno. 3 : 8 and 1 : 13. Jas. 1 : 16-18. 1 Cor. 1 : 30. Phil. 2 : 13. 1 Peter 1 : 22-25. 1 Jno 5 : 1. Eph. 4 : 20-24. Col. 3 : 9-11. Eph. 5 : 9. Rom. 8 : 9. Gal. 5 : 16-23. Eph. 3 : 14 21. Matt. 3 : 8-10 and 7 : 20. 1 Jno. 5 : 4, 18.

VIII. Of Repentance and Faith.

We believe Repentance and Faith are sacred duties, and also inseparable graces wrought in our souls by the regenerating Spirit of God: whereby being deeply convinced of our guilt, danger and help-

lessness, and of the way of salvation by Christ; we turn to God with unfeigned contrition, confession and supplication for mercy; at the same time heartily receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as our Prophet, Priest and King, and relying on Him alone as the only and all sufficient Saviour.

Places in Bible where taught: Mark 1 : 15. Acts. 9 : 18. Eph. 2 : 8. 1 Jno. 5 : 1. Jno. 16 : 8. Acts. 2 : 37-38 and 16 : 30-31. Luke 18 : 13 and 15 : 18-21 Jas. 4 : 7-10 2 Cor. 7 : 11. Rom. 10 : 12-13. Rom 10 : 9-11. Acts 3 : 22-23. Heb. 5 : 14. Ps. 2 : 6. Heb. 1 : 8 and 8 : 25. 2 Tim. 1 : 12.

IX. Of God's Purpose of Grace.

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which he graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and save sinners; that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end; that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God and active imitation of his free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it may be ascertained by its affect in all who truly believe the Gospel; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance; and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

Places in the Bible where taught: 2 Tim. 1 : 8-9. Eph. 1 : 3-14. 1 Peter 1 : 1-2. Rom. 11 : 5-6. Jno. 15 : 16. 1 Jno. 4 : 19. Hos. 12 : 9. 2 Thes. 2 : 13-14. Acts 13 : 48. Jno. 10 : 16. Matt. 20 : 16. Acts 15 : 14. Ex 33 : 18-19. Eph. 1 : 11. Rom. 9 : 23-24. Jer. 31 : 3. Rom. 11 : 28-29. Jas. 1 : 17-18. 2 Tim. 1 : 9. Rom. 11 : 32-36. 1 Cor. 4 : 7 and 1 : 26-31 Rom. 3 : 27 and 4 : 16. Col 3 : 3-12. 1 Cor. 3 : 5-7 and 15 : 10. 1 Peter 5 : 10. Acts 1 : 24. 1 Thess. 2 : 13. 1 Peter 2 : 9. Luke 18 : 7. Jno. 15 : 16. Eph. 1 : 16. 1 Thess. 2 : 12. 2 Tim. 2 : 10. 1 Cor. 9 : 22. Rom. 8 : 28-30. Jno. 6 : 37-40. 2 Peter 1 : 10. 1 Thess. 1 : 4-10. Rom. 8 : 28-30. Isa. 42 : 16. Rom. 11 : 29. 2 Peter 1 : 10-11. Phil. 3 : 12. Heb. 6 : 11.

X. Of Sanctification.

We believe that Sanctification is the process by which according to the will of God we are made partakers of his holiness; that it is a progressive work; that it is begun in regeneration and that it is carried on in the hearts of believers by the presence and power of the Holy Spirit, the Sealer and Comforter in the continual use of

the appointed means, especially, the word of God, self examination, self denial, watchfulness and prayer.

Places where taught: 1 Thess. 4 : 3 and 5 : 23. 2 Cor. 7 : 1 and 13 : 9. Eph. 1 : 4. Prov. 4 : 18. 2 Cor. 3 : 18. Heb. 6 : 1. 2 Peter 1 : 5-8. Phil. 3 : 12-16. 1 Jno. 2 : 29 Rom. 8 : 5. Jno. 3 : 6. Phil. 1 : 9-11. Eph. 1 : 13-14. Phil. 2 : 12-13. Eph. 4 : 11-12. 1 Peter 2 : 2. 2 Peter 3 : 18. 2 Cor. 13 : 5. Luke 11 : 35. Matt. 26 : 41. Eph. 6 : 18 and 4 : 30.

XI. Of the Perseverance of Saints.

We believe that such only are real believers as endure to the end; that their preserving attachment to Christ is the grand mark which distinguish them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare; and they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

Places where taught: Jno. 8 : 31. 1 Jno. 2 : 27-28 and 3 : 9 and 5 : 18. 1 Jno. 2 : 19. Jno. 13 : 18. Matt. 13 : 20-21. Jno. 5 : 66-69. Job 17 : 9. Rom. 8 : 28. Matt. 8:30-33. Jer. 32 : 40. Ps 121 : 11-12. Phil. 1 : 6 and 2 : 12-13. Jude 24-25. Heb. 1 : 14 2 Kings 6 : 16. Heb. 13 : 5. 1 Jno. 4 : 4.

XII. Of Harmony of the Law and the Gospel.

We believe that the Law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral government; that it is holy, just and good; and that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen men to fulfill its precepts, arises entirely from their love of sin; to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy Law, is one great end of the Gospel, and of the Means of Grace connected with the establishment of the local church.

Places where taught: Rom. 3 : 31. Matt. 5 : 17. Luke 16 : 17. Rom. 3 : 20 and 4 : 15. Rom. 7 : 12. Rom. 7 : 7 and 14 : 22. Gal. 3 : 21 Ps. 119. Rom. 8: 7-8. Josh. 24 : 19. Jer. 13 : 23. John 6 : 44. John 5 : 44. Rom. 8 : 2-4 Rom. 10 : 4. 1 Tim. 1 : 5. Heb. 8 : 10. Jude 20-21. Heb. 13 : 14. Matt. 16 : 17-18. 1 Cor. 12 : 23

XIII. Of a Gospel Church.

We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the Gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ; governed by his laws; and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by his word: that its only scriptural officers are Bishops or

Pastors and Deacons, whose qualifications, claims and duties are defined in the Epistles to Timothy and Titus.

Places in the Bible where taught: 1 Cor. 1 : 1-13. Matt. 18 : 17. Acts 5 : 11. Acts 8 : 1. Acts 11 : 31. 1 Cor. 4 : 17. 1 Cor. 14 : 23. 3 John 9. 1 Tim. 3 : 5. Acts 2 : 41-42. 2 Cor. 8 : 5. Acts 2 : 47. 1 Cor. 5 : 12-13. 1 Cor. 11 : 2. 2 Thess. 3 : 6. Rom. 16 : 17-20. 1 Cor. 11 : 23. Matt. 18 : 15-20. 1 Cor. 5 : 6. 2 Cor. 2 : 7. 1 Cor. 4 : 11. Matt. 28 : 20. John 14 : 15. John 15 : 12. 1 John 4 : 21. John 14 : 21. 1 Thess. 4 : 2. 2 John 6. Gal. 6 : 2. Eph. 4 : 7. 1 Cor 14 : 12. Phil. 1 : 27. 1 Cor. 12 : 14. Phil. 1 : 1. Acts 14 : 23. Acts 15 : 22. 1 Tim. 3. Titus 1.

XIV. Of Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

We believe that Christian Baptism is the immersion in water of a believer; into the home of the Father, and Son, and Holy Ghost, to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Saviour, with its effect, in our death to sin and resurrection to a new life; that it is pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation; and to the Lord's Supper, in which the members of the church by the Sacred use of bread and wine, are to commemorate together the dying love of Christ; preceded always by solemn self examination.

Places in Bible where taught: Acts 8 : 36-39. Matt. 3 : 5-6. John 3 : 22-23. John 4 : 1-2. Matt. 28 : 19. Mark 16 : 16. Acts 2 : 38. Acts 8 : 12. Acts 16 : 32-34. Acts 18 : 8. Matt. 28 : 19. Acts 10 : 47-48. Gal. 3 : 27-28. Rom. 6 : 4. Col. 2 : 12. 1 Peter 3 : 20-21. Acts 22 : 16. Acts 2 : 41-42. Matt. 28 : 19-20. 1 Cor. 11 : 26. Matt. 26 : 26-29. Mark 14 : 22-25. Luke 22 : 14-20. 1 Cor. 11 : 28. 1 Cor. 5 : 1-8. 1 Cor. 10 : 3-33. 1 Cor. 11 : 17-32. John 6 : 26-71.

XV. Of the Christian Sabbath.

We believe that the first day of the week is the Lord's Day as Christian Sabbath; and is to be kept sacred to religious purposes, by abstaining from all secular labor and sinful recreations, by the devout observance of all the means of grace, both private and public; and by preparation for that rest that remaineth for the people of God

Places in the Bible where taught: Acts 20 : 7. Gen. 2 : 3. Col. 2 : 16-17. Mark 2 : 27. John 20 : 19. 1 Cor. 16 : 1-2. Ex. 20 : 8. Rev. 1 : 10. Ps. 118 : 24. Isa. 58 : 13-14. Isa. 56 : 2-8. Ps. 118 : 15. Heb. 10 : 24-25. Acts 11 : 26. Acts 13 : 44. Lev. 19 : 30. Ex. 46 : 3. Luke 4 : 16. Acts 17 : 2-3. Ps. 26 : 8. Ps. 87 : 3. Heb. 4 : 3-11.

XVI. Of Civil Government.

We believe that Civil Government is of Divine appointment for the interests and good order of human society; and that magistrates are to be prayed for, concientiously honored and obeyed; except only in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the only Lord of the conscience and the Prince of the kings of the earth.

Places where taught: Rom. 13 : 1-7. Deut. 16 : 18. 2 Sam. 23 : 3. Ex. 18 : 3. Jer. 30 : 21. Matt. 22 : 21. Tit. 3 : 1. 1 Peter 3 : 13. 1 Tim. 2 : 1-8. Acts 5 : 52. Matt. 10 : 28. Dan. 3 : 15-18 and 6 : 7-10. Acts 4 : 18-20. Matt. 23 : 10. Rom. 14 : 4 and 19 : 16. Ps. 72 : 11 and 2. Rom. 14 : 9-13.

XVII. Of the Righteous and the Wicked.

We believe that there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and the wicked; that such only as through faith are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and sanctified by the Spirit of our God, are truly righteous in his esteem; while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are in his sight wicked, and under the curse; and this distinction holds among men both in and after death.

Places where taught: Mal. 3 : 18. Prov. 12 : 26. Isa. 5 : 20. Gen. 18 : 23. Jer. 15 : 19. Acts 10 : 34-35. Rom. 6 : 16. Rom. 1 : 17 and 7 : 6. 1 Jno. 2 : 29 and 3 : 7. Rom. 6 : 18-22. 1 Cor. 11 : 32. Prov. 11 : 31. 1 Peter 4 : 17-18. 1 Jno. 5 : 19. Gal. 3 : 10. Jno. 3 : 26. Isa. 57 : 21. Isa. 55 : 6-7. Ps. 10 : 4. Prov. 14 : 32. Luke 16 : 25. Jno. 8 : 21-24. Prov. 10 : 24. Luke 12 : 4-5 and 9 : 23-26. Jno. 12 : 25-26. Ecc. 3 : 17. Matt. 13 and 14.

XVIII. Of the World to Come.

We believe that the end of the world is approaching; that at the Last Day Christ will descend from heaven, and raise the dead from the grave to final retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place; that the wicked will be adjudged to endless punishment and the righteous to endless joy; and that this judgment will fix forever the final state of men in heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.

Places where taught: 1 Peter 4 : 7. 1 Cor 7 : 29-30. Heb 1 : 10-12. Matt. 24 : 35. 1 Jno. 2 : 17. Matt. 28 : 20 and 13 : 39-40. 2 Peter 3 : 3-13. Acts 1 : 11. Rev. 1 : 7. Heb. 9 : 28. Acts 3 : 21. 1 Thess. 4 : 13-18 and 5 : 1-11. Acts 24 : 15. 1 Cor 15 : 12-59. Luke

14 : 14. Dan. 12 : 2. Jno. 5 : 20-29 and 6 : 4 and 11 : 25-26. 2 Tim. 1 : 10. Acts 10 : 42 Matt. 13 : 49 and 13 : 37-43 and 24 : 30-31 and 25 : 31-33. Matt. 25 : 35-41. Rev. 22 : 11. 1 Cor. 6 : 9-10. Mark 9 : 43-48. 2 Peter 2 : 9. Jude 7. Phil. 3 : 19. Rom. 6 : 22. 2 Cor. 5 : 10-11 and 4 : 18. Jno. 4 : 36. Rom. 3 : 5-6. 2 Thess. 1 : 6-12. Heb. 6 : 1-2. 1 Cor. 4 : 5. Acts 17 : 31. Rom. 2 : 2-16. Rev. 20 : 11-12.

Church Covenant.

Having been led as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ, as our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God, angels and this assembly most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage therefore by the aid of the Holy Spirit, to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this Church, in knowledge, holiness and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the Gospel throughout all nations.

We also engage to maintain family secret devotion; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating drinks as a beverage, and to be zealous in our effort to advance the Kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember each other in our prayer; to aid each other in sickness and distress, to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offence but always ready for reconciliation, and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will as soon as possible unite with some other church, where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's word.