

# MINUTES

OF THE

FOURTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

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## Wekiva Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

LAKE HARNEY BAPTIST CHURCH,

GENEVA, ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 5TH,  
6TH AND 7TH, 1883.

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OFFICERS:

ELDER S. F. GOVE, *Moderator*.....Longwood, Fla.  
W. B. CULPEPPER, *Clerk* .....Geneva, Fla.  
J. M. BLITCH, *Treasurer*.....Orlando, Fla.

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MINUTES.

GENEVA, ORANGE COUNTY, FLA., October 5th, 1883.

The Weekly Baptist Association convened with Lake Harney Baptist Church at Geneva, Orange county, Fla., October 5th, 1883, according to appointment.

Introductory Sermon preached by Elder J. H. Hayman, of Umatilla, from Galatians vi., 2, at 11 o'clock a. m.

Elder R. W. Lawton, of Oviedo, offered prayer.

An intermission until 1:30 o'clock p. m. was taken for refreshments.

At 1:30 o'clock the delegates assembled in the house, and were called to order by Elder L. F. Gove, of Longwood, former Moderator, and prayer was made by Elder T. J. Bell, of Kissemmee.

W. B. Culpepper was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

Letters from the churches were called for, and received letters from twelve churches, which were read, and the delegates' names enrolled, as shown by the statistical table.

The order of electing officers by ballot was suspended and Elder L. F. Gove, Moderator, and W. B. Culpepper, Clerk, were chosen by acclamation.

Petitionary letters were called for, when Midway, Kissemmee and Rutland Ford presented their letters asking for admission, which being granted, the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, and delegates took their seats.

Visiting brethren of the same faith and order were invited to seats with the body, and accepted by Brother C. H. Tuxbury, of Saco River Association, York county, Maine.

The following special committees were appointed by the Moderator:

On Preaching—J. J. Higginbotham, W. P. Lassator, D. C. Hart, A. P. Farnell, J. R. A. Tucker

On Finance—J. F. Chapman, Joshua Jacobs, T. Whaley, Samuel Hodges, G. W. Hicks.

On Letters and Queries—Elder J. H. Hayman, S. L. Roberts, R. B. Savage, W. H. Frier, J. W. Blitch.

On Publication—Dr. W. J. Sears, W. C. Jacobs, Jno. Stewart, J. F. Parker.

On State of Churches—J. D. Graves, J. R. A. Tucker, G. W. Hicks, A. P. Farnell, J. Walker.

On Deceased Ministers and Deacons—Elder J. W. Savage, John Tanner, Whaley, J. M. Jacobs, D. C. Hart.

On Temperance—Elder T. J. Bell, Miles Stewart, S. A. Dunaway, J. M. Blitch, J. D. Graves.

On Missions—Elder R. W. Lawton, Elder T. J. Bell, Miles Stewart, J. R. A. Tucker, Dr. W. J. Sears.

On Sunday-schools—Elder R. W. Lawton, S. A. Dunaway, J. D. Graves, W. H. Frier, Samuel Hodges.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

The committee appointed at last Association to inquire into the condition of New Salem Church, report that they found no special disorder, but what did exist has been removed. Also the committee appointed for Harmony Church report all disorder removed, and all are at peace with each other; whereupon the committee was discharged from further duty.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read letters from churches.
3. Elect officers.
4. Petitionary letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Letters of correspondence.
7. Appointment of special committees.
8. Report of standing committees.
9. Appointment of standing committees.
10. Report of special committees.
11. Treasurer's report.
12. Miscellaneous business.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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| Elder R. W. Lawton..... | Oviedo, Fla.    |
| Elder S. F. Gove.....   | Longwood, Fla.  |
| Rev. A. L. Farr.....    | DeLand, Fla.    |
| W. B. Culpepper.....    | Geneva, Fla.    |
| J. R. A. Tucker.....    | Oviedo, Fla.    |
| M. A. Stuart.....       | Apopka, Fla.    |
| J. M. Blitch.....       | Oviedo, Fla.    |
| J. M. Owens.....        | Umatilla, Fla.  |
| Dr. W. J. Sears.....    | Kissemmee, Fla. |

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*Order of Business*

*Orlando Oviedo*

*W. B. Culpepper*

*M. A. Stuart*

*John Tanner*  
*Samuel Hodges*

*Harmony*

*DeLand*  
*Umatilla*

Elder R. W. Lawton, of Oviedo, called the attention of the Association to the Church Building Department, upon which a collection of ten (\$10.60) dollars and sixty cents was made and paid over to the Treasurer.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, of Oviedo, a Committee on Ministerial Education was appointed, viz: Elders R. W. Lawton, T. J. Bell, J. H. Hayman and J. W. Savage.

Prayer was made by Dr. W. J. Sears, and the Association adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock a. m. on the 6th, for prayer meeting.

Benediction by Elder J. W. Savage, of Oviedo.

Preaching Friday night by Elder J. W. Savage, of Oviedo, from Acts, xxvi. 28.

#### SATURDAY MORNING.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 6, 1883.

The Association met according to adjournment.

Prayer meeting conducted by Dr. W. J. Sears.

At 9:30 o'clock the Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Called for petitionary letters.

The First Baptist Church of DeLand, Volusia county, Fla., presented her letter, asking for admission, which being granted, the right hand of fellowship was given by the Moderator, and her delegates took seats with the body.

Rev. A. L. Farr, of DeLand, was added to the Committee on Missions, and Rev. J. D. Bohanan was added to the Committee on Sunday-schools.

The following committees were appointed to correspond with sister Associations, as follows:

To St. John's Association—Rev. A. L. Farr, Elder L. F. Gove, and Bryant Osteen.

To South Florida Association—W. H. Frier.

To Baptist State Convention—Rev. A. L. Farr, Elders R. W. Lawton, T. J. Bell, L. F. Gove and J. H. Hayman.

On motion of Elder R. W. Lawton, of Oviedo, that all collections taken up on Sunday, after paying necessary Associational purposes, be equally divided between the three mission boards.

On motion, that two be added to the present Executive Committee, and the committee hold their office till the meeting of the next Association.

Rev. A. L. Farr, of DeLand, and Dr. W. J. Sears, of Kissemmee, were added to the Committee.

The Association took recess until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Preaching at the stand by Elder T. J. Bell, of Kissemmee, from Rom. viii. 29, 30, 31.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for ministerial education, amounting to \$7.56, which was paid to the treasurer.

At 1:30 o'clock the Association met, according to adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. J. D. Bohanan.

Reports of the special committees received and adopted.

#### REPORT ON PREACHING.

We, the Committee on Preaching, report that we appoint Elder R. W. Lawton to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Association; alternate, Elder S. F. Gove. Elder T. J. Bell to preach the next Missionary Sermon; alternate, Rev. A. L. Farr.

A. P. FARNELL, *Chairman.*

#### ON STATE OF THE CHURCHES.

Your Committee upon the State of the Churches beg leave to report:

That we find, from reports that come up, widening of growth, both in numbers and spirituality, in the greater number of the churches. We

regret to have to notice two exceptions, namely: Moss Bluff and Concord, which are reported to us as in grave disorder.

Respectfully submitted.

J. D. GRAVES, *Chairman.*

On motion, a committee of three be appointed by the Moderator to inquire after the condition of these churches, viz: Moss Bluff and Concord, reported in disorder, and render such assistance as they can to restore them to order.

The following committees were appointed: Moss Bluff—Elder J. H. Hayman, J. M. Owens, Pressly Booker. Concord—J. B. Graves, G. W. Hicks, J. L. Stewart.

#### ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to report that we believe the use of spirituous liquors to be a great sin; and that Christians should condemn it in every way possible. They should not use it themselves, or allow others to do so, if in their power to prevent it. We believe it to be the duty of the churches to withdraw from all of their members that will not refrain from the use of it.

Respectfully submitted.

T. J. BELL, *Chairman.*

#### ON DECEASED MINISTERS AND DEACONS.

Your committee ask leave to report having made diligent inquiry. We hear of none of God's servants being removed from this life and His work. And we are truly thankful, and hope that God will yet spare, and carry on His work in this moral vineyard.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. SAVAGE, *Chairman.*

#### ON LETTERS AND QUERIES.

We, your committee, beg leave to report that, after an examination of the several letters, we find that Christian love prevails throughout the bounds of our Association. We find two churches applying for the next session of the Association, viz: Harmony and Bethlehem. We recommend that the Association accept the invitation of Bethlehem Church.

Respectfully submitted.

J. H. HAYMAN, *Chairman.*

Query—What are the rights and duties of one who has been received to the watch care of the Baptist church?

Ans. They are entitled to the same privileges as members of a sister church in good standing, but not the rights of a member.

#### ON MISSIONS.

Your Committee on Missions would respectfully ask leave to report as follows:

1. State Missions—The board representing this work is located at Gainesville; Elder W. N. Chaudoin, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. It holds its meetings quarterly, and furnishes the most direct medium through which the greatest destitution and most promising fields of labor in Florida may be reached. This board has paid money for missionary labor in the bounds of the Wekiwa Association regularly ever since its organization, thereby rendering its claims upon us doubly strong. Let us do our utmost to sustain it.

2. The mission board located in Atlanta, Georgia, Dr. J. T. Tichnor, Corresponding Secretary. This board has aided Florida so much and so long that it ought to be a source of mortification to every Baptist in the land were its claims upon us ignored. It is helping us every day and will continue as long as we need it.

3. Foreign Missions—We are affectionately urged by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, to raise in the State \$5,000.

It is our imperative duty to pay our quota of this \$5,000. We ought to do it. We can do it, and we must do it. The last command of our Master was, "Go and teach all nations."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman*.

#### ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee do most cheerfully indorse THE CHRISTIAN INDEX, published in Atlanta, Georgia, in which there is a special department for Florida, under the control and leadership of our esteemed Brother W. N. Chaudoin. This paper should be in the family of every Florida Baptist. We recommend our brethren to the reading and prayerful study of God's Word, this Book of all books, and to encourage the same in their families.

W. J. SEARS, *Chairman*.

#### ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Education, ask leave to report as follows: We have from Florida, now in attendance at the Southern Baptist Theological School, at Louisville, Kentucky, two worthy young brethren, who are making fair progress, from whom come to us most favorable reports of their zeal and piety. Others would go if they had the means. It becomes us to help, for this is missionary work in the highest sense. An educated minister is of the utmost importance to the Baptist denomination. All other denominations are recognizing its importance. Shall we be behind them? The high state of enlightenment and refinement that is overspreading our land, as well as the necessity for a proper exposition of the Sacred Word of God demands it.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman*.

#### ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

We, the Committee on Sunday-schools, have to report, that it is a lamentable fact that so little interest is manifested in Sunday-schools throughout the bounds of this Association. Our brethren evidently attach too little importance to the necessity of giving direction to the easily-guided mind of the youth of our land, whose influences are to live after them, and bring blessings, or curses, upon generations that are yet unborn. If we do our duty in this work now, brethren, those coming generations will "rise up and call us blessed."

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. LAWTON, *Chairman*.

On motion of Rev. A. L. Tarr, of DeLand, the following resolutions were adopted:

*Resolved*, That this Association take as its motto, "A Baptist Sunday-school in each church," composing the children and adults.

*Resolved*, That the Ex-committee be, and are instructed to call a representative from the churches specially for the purpose of devising ways of promoting Sunday-school education and usefulness, at each of the general meetings ordered by the Association.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT.

J. M. Blitch in account with Wekiva Association  
1883.

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Oct. 6th to amount received from Finance Committee.....	\$74 90
To Amount paid on pledges.....	4 00
To Amount collected on C. B. Department.....	10 60
To Amount Collected on Ministerial Education.....	7 56
To Amount on Collections.....	29 44
To Amount Pledged by Churches.....	57 50
To Amount Pledged by Rev. A. L. Farr.....	2 00
To Amount Pledged by W. J. Osteen.....	5 00
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By Amount paid State Missions.....	\$24 78
By Amount paid Home Missions.....	24 78
By Amount paid Foreign Missions.....	24 78
By Amount paid C. B. Department.....	10 60
By Amount paid Ministerial Education.....	7 56
By Amount paid Ministers.....	25 00
By Amount paid Clerks.....	10 00
By Amount in Pledges.....	63 50
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Respectfully submitted.

J. M. BLITCH, *Treasurer*.

*The Report of the State Board of Missions to Wekiva Association:*

BROTHERN: In making this second report to you of our Stewardship, we are able to speak encouragingly. We have had one missionary in the field all the time, and the following is the report of work done by Brother Gove for nine months just ended, this is, and the last quarter of 1882 was faithfully employed, but we have not the book present containing the items. This year 39 weeks labor have been performed, and for a part of the year six churches were served and five stations; sermons 155; other addresses 11; baptized 19; received by letter 17; by restoration 7; traveled 3,125; made 40 visits, and aided in the ordination of one minister and four deacons.

For the last six months Brother Hayman has been under commission, and has worked 26 weeks, served two churches and three stations, preached 57 sermons and made 24 addresses, baptized nine, traveled 845 miles, made 22 visits, distributed 100 pages, commenced one meeting house, and organized one church.

These brethren have been paid respectively: Gove \$151.20, and Flagman \$27.60 for two quarters only. A financial statement accompanying this shows considerable progress made in contributing this year, and all departments of our work have been aided, while you have been trying to cultivate your home field. We have done the best we could for you, and will continue to do so. If you desire to do your work through us for the next year indicate by your pledges, as at the two meetings previous, how far we may go. The pledges you make will be the basis upon which we act in part. The principle of our board is to first help those who try to help themselves. The contest for the banner this year between churches will be between Bethlehem, in your body, and Micanopy, in the Santa Fe River Association probably. Let the Wekiva strive to be for the Banner Association in contributions. Yours in love of the Saviour,

W. N. CHAUDOIN, *Corresponding Secretary*.

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FINANCIAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.		CASH RECEIVED BY STATE BOARD DURING THE YEAR.															
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Indian Missions.	Foreign Missions.	Theological Seminary.	Ministerial Education.	Total.							
Antioch.....	\$ 1 50			\$ 4 00						\$ 5 00	\$ 16 00							
Apopka.....	1 50			4 00							34 60							
Bethel, (Orlando).....	2 00			12 00							9 20							
Bethlehem.....	1 00			3 00							81 40							
Crab Grass.....	50			1 00							1 00							
First Indian R. ....	1 00			4 00							23 20							
Lake Harney.....	80										5 75							
Live Oak.....	1 00										23 35							
Macedonia.....	1 00			2 50							5 65							
Orange Grove.....	1 00			1 50							15 60							
Pine Grove.....	1 00										55							
Concord.....	1 00																	
Harmony.....	1 00																	
Kissimmee.....	1 00																	
Midway.....	1 00																	
Rutland Ford.....	1 00																	
New Salem.....	1 00																	
DeLand.....	1 50																	
Collected on Sunday.....		2 00									74 34							
Ministerial Education.....											18 76							
Church Building Department.....											18 00							
CHURCHES UNKNOWN.—G. W. McLaurin.....											5 00							
P. Hill.....											5 00							
Rev. J. M. Hayman collected.....											2 50							
S. W. Conley.....											5 00							
Grand total.....	\$18 00	\$ 2 00	\$ 4 00	\$32 65	\$12 25			\$74 90	\$186 59	\$14 60	\$24 78	\$4 40	\$67 43	\$ 2 00	\$30 36	\$330 06		
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Preaching 3 o'clock Saturday evening by Rev. J. D. Bohanan, of DeLand, from 1st Epistle Peter, 2d chapter, 7th verse. Prayer by Elder S. F. Gove.

On motion that there be four general meetings the ensuing year as follows:

1. Harmony Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in December, 1883.
2. Midway Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in March, 1884.
3. Apopka Church on Friday before the fifth Sunday in June, 1884.
4. Live Oak (Orange county) on Friday before the fifth Sunday in August, 1884.

On motion that twenty-five dollars be appropriated for printing minutes, and the clerk be paid ten dollars for his services.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks for the kindness of Brethren and friends for their generous hospitality shown us during our session and stay with them.

Preaching Saturday night at 7:30 o'clock by the Elder, J. H. Hayman, of Umatilla, from 9th chapter, 4th verse, Gospel by St. John.

SUNDAY EXERCISES.

By request of Elder B. F. Gove, the 11 o'clock services were conducted by Rev. A. L. Farr, of DeLand, who preached a very interesting sermon on Missions from 16th chapter, 15 and 16 verses, of the Gospel St. Mark, after which a collection was taken up, amounting to twenty-nine dollars and forty-four cents in money, and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents in pledges.

At 3 o'clock p. m. the stand was occupied by Elder R. W. Lawton, of Oviedo. Text 2d Corinthians, 5th chapter, 21st verse, at the close of which a hymn was sung and the parting hand was given. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. D. Bohanan, of DeLand, when the Association adjourned to meet with Bethlehem church eight miles east of Enterprise, Volusia county, Florida, on Friday before the first Sunday in October, 1884.

S. F. GOVE, Moderator.

W. B. CULPEPPER, Clerk.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Rev. J. D. Bohanan.....	DeLand
Rev. A. L. Farr.....	DeLand
S. F. Gove.....	Longwood
J. H. Hayman.....	Umatilla
R. W. Lawton.....	Oviedo
T. J. Bell.....	Kissimmee
J. W. Savage.....	Oviedo
A. Tyndall.....	Pine Castle
W. J. Watson.....	Okahumkie
G. M. T. Wilson.....	Okahumkie
D. L. Kendrick, licentate.....	West Apopka

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

We, your Committee on Finance, ask leave to report. We have received from the several churches as follows:

CHURCHES.	CASH SENT TO ASSOCIATION.					Total.
	Minutes.	General Purposes.	Associational Missions.	State Missions.	Home Missions.	
Antioch.....	\$1 50					
Apopka.....	1 50					
Bethel (Orlando).....	2 00					
Bethlehem.....	1 00			13 44		
Crab Grass.....	1 00			3 00		
Concord.....	50			80		
First Indian River.....	1 00		1 50		1 50	
Harmony.....	1 00					
Kissimmee.....	1 00					
Lake Harney.....	1 00					
Live Oak.....	1 00					
Macedonia.....	50		2 50			
Midway.....	1 50					
Orange Grove.....	1 50					
Pine Grove.....	1 00					
Rutland Ford.....	1 00					
New Salem.....	1 50					
DeLand.....	1 50					
Total.....	18 00		4 00	18 00	11 50	74 99

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST-OFFICE.	DELEGATES.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter.	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter.	Dead.	Total.
Antioch.....	S. F. Gove	W. F. Rowan	Longwood.....	Elder S. F. Gove, G. W. Hicks	3	10	2	10	2	19
Apopka.....	J. F. B. Mays	J. L. Stewart	Apopka.....	J. F. Chapman, Miles Stewart, S. A. Dunaway, Jno. Stewart	3	10	2	10	2	69
Arkana.....	W. J. Watson	Charles Kins		Not represented						9
Bethlehem.....	S. F. Gove	J. W. Osteen	Osteen.....	Not represented						13
Bethel.....	J. H. Hayman	J. D. Beggs	Orlando.....	R. D. Brooks, E. Osteen	13	8	2	10	3	44
Crab Grass.....	J. W. Savage	N. J. Talbot	Longwood.....	J. M. Evans, J. E. Graves	10	10		3		53
DeLand First Baptist Church	A. L. Farr	R. E. Savage	Rock Ledge.....	Rev. T. Bennett						30
Danascus.....	G. M. T. Wilson	R. H. Cherry	DeLand.....	Rev. A. Farr, Rev. J. D. Bohanan	6	45	13	2	49	24
Harmony.....	A. Tindall	S. L. Roberson	Oveido.....	W. C. Jacobs, S. L. Roberson, Joshua Jacobs, J. M. Jacobs	3	1	1	1	1	37
Indian River.....	T. J. Bell	D. J. Bell	Kissimmie.....	Not represented						19
Kissimmee.....	S. F. Gove	W. E. Calpepper	Geneva.....	Elder T. J. Bell, W. I. Stutz	4	16				20
Lake Harney Baptist Church	S. F. Gove	N. J. Trowell	Umatilla.....	J. C. Higginbotham, W. F. Lassater, D. C. Hart, W. E. Nider, H. Hayman						18
Live Oak, Orange county.....	S. F. Gove	M. B. Holby	Pine Castle.....	John M. Stutz	1	2	1			42
Live Oak, Sumter county.....	S. F. Gove	A. J. Barber		Not represented						21
Macedonia.....	T. J. Bell	W. Hansell	Pine Castle.....	Not represented						20
Mess Bluff.....	W. J. Watson	J. S. Wilson		Not represented						26
Midway.....	T. J. Bell	H. H. Pass	Kissimmee.....	Not represented						22
New Hope.....	R. W. Lawton	J. E. Mitchell	Oveido.....	Elder A. Farr, Walter T. Whaley	19	7				26
New Salem.....	J. W. Savage	S. Hodges	Oveido.....	Elder F. M. Lawton, J. E. Minnells, J. L. Caruthers, A. J. M. Lockett, Samuel Hodges, Elder J. W. Savage	4	4	1	1	1	14
Orange Grove.....	G. M. T. Wilson	C. A. Kendrick	Sylvan Lake.....	S. L. Roberts	3	3				33
Pine Grove.....	J. H. Hayman	J. H. Cane		Not represented						20
Pleasant Grove.....				Not represented						10
Rutland Ford.....										10
Totals.....					54	108	7	27	6	718

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in only one true and living God, the Father, the Son or Word, and the Holy Ghost. Deut. 4:39; Cor. 8:6, and 1 John 5:7.
2. We believe that the Scriptures comprising the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice. 2 Tim. 3:16; Romans 15:4, and 3:2.
3. We believe that Adam, by sin, fell from the state of purity in which he was created; that all his posterity are degenerated, and that all human nature is corrupt and depraved. Rom. 3:12; Gen. 1:21,28; 3:6-8.
4. We believe that man is utterly unable, by his own free will and ability, to recover himself from the fallen state in which he is by nature. Heb. 9:22, 23; 1 Peter 2:34, and 3:18.
5. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose His people in Christ before the world began. Eph. 1:35; Titus 1:1, 2.
6. We believe in the covenant of redemption and salvation by grace, entered into by the Sacred Three, in behalf of the elect on whom grace and glory were settled forever in Christ, their covenant head. Psalms 89:2,4, and 27:37; Eph. 1:35; 2 Tim. 19.
7. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God by the imputed righteousness of Christ only, and that they receive pardon and reconciliation through Him. Rom. 3:22-26.
8. We believe that God's elect shall be called, regenerated and sanctified by the influence and operation of the Holy Spirit. 1 Peter 1:2; Mal. 3:17.
9. We believe that saints shall persevere in grace, and that none of them shall be lost. John 10:22-29; 2 Tim. 1:9.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, and the general judgment, and that the joy of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal. Job 19:25-27; John 5:28, 29; Matt. 25:31, 34, 41, 46.
11. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances of Jesus Christ; that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism; that immersion of the subjects in water is the Apostolic mode, and that none but regularly bantized members have a right to commune at the Lord's table. Matt. 36:16; Mark 1:9-16; John 4:1, 2; Acts 2:38, 42, and 18:8; Luke 22:17-20; John 13:2-41.
12. We believe that no minister has any right to administer the ordinances of the gospel unless he has been regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of the hands of a presbytery. Tim. 2:6, 7; 5:21, 22; Titus 1:5; Acts, 13: 2, 3.