

12. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject without leave of the Association.
13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question in debate, the chair being previously filled. He shall rise from his seat to put the question to the body.
14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decisions may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.
15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by act.
16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.
17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.
18. No member shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.
19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever thought necessary.
20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and clerk before the Association rises.
21. A motion for final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.
22. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.
23. Immediately after the organization of the Association, the rules of order shall be distinctly read by order of the Moderator.
24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration and amendment at any regular meeting of the Association, by a majority of the Association.

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ARTICLES OF FAITH.

PREAMBLE.

Minutes of 1887
We, the Churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon a profession of our faith, are convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a cor-

respondence for the preservation of union among churches of the same faith and order. We, therefore, agree to form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one triune God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; the same in essence, equal in power and glory.
2. We believe that the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude; in the imputation of his sin to all of his posterity; in the total depravity of human nature, and in man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.
4. We believe that God has loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calls them with a holy and effectual calling; and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
5. We believe there is one mediator between God and men; the man Christ Jesus, who, by the satisfaction he made to law and justice in becoming an offering for sin, but, by his most precious blood, redeemed the elect from under the curse of the law, that they might be holy and without blame before him in love.
6. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification and the evidences of a gracious state; and that all believers are bound to obey God from a principle of love.
7. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and a general judgment; that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be everlasting.

GOSPEL ORDER.

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1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a godly discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament.
 2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only head and law-giver of his church; that the government is with the body,

the church, and is equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and to be continued in his church until his second coming.

4. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

5. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

6. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, and to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

7. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore, this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrines or tolerate immoral practices.

2. The object of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into difficulties between churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters when solicited; and, in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way it may deem practicable.

3. With regard to benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, or individual member of a church, to support them, or not to support them, according to the dictates of their own conscience; and any motion whereby this question in this Association, shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence,

when convenient, with other religious bodies of the same faith and order.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates, may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons, by and with their consent, to transact any business it may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place it may think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of its proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and elect a treasurer, annually, to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all money which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form its own by-laws, and regulate its own proceedings in such manner as it may think expedient.

The clerks of the churches of this Association will please send in their statistical table all money collected from their churches, and for what purpose it was collected, so that the clerk of the Association can correctly fill out the blank sent by the Baptist Year Book Publishing House.

W. W. MITCHELL.