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WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches is not a convention. It is a fellowship. It is an endeavor to get back to the old-fashioned ideals, policies and practices of Baptists as they used to be.

The Association has a very simple constitution, and has as its basis of fellowship the truths expressed in the old New Hampshire Confession of Faith, with a premillennial interpretation of the last article.

In all of its activities, business is reduced to the minimum, and fellowship increased to the maximum.

It is the policy and aim of the Association to keep elaborate machinery out of the set up.

The time of the Association is taken up with great expositors of the Word of God; exaltations of the glorious Head of the Church, and messages from the burning heart of missionaries, fresh from the front lines of world wide missionary endeavor. The aim shall always be to send every messenger home, not under a Sinai of debt to the bankers and money lenders, but rather under the debt of Calvary as expressed by Paul in Romans 1:14, namely, the debt we owe to get the gospel of salvation to the last heathen on the face of the earth.

This is an Association of churches. It has been felt wise to restrict the fellowship of this Association, so far as its voting power and official family is concerned, to such individuals as may be sent up to the annual meetings by local Baptist There are advantages and disadvantages alike to be found in this procedure, but we believe the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. By adhering to this rule, the Association will know that every messenger present with voting power is there with the recommendation of a local Baptist church back of him. Otherwise, any well meaning, but fly-by-night individual who signed the Constitution and Articles of Faith might endanger the balance and good sense of the body.

It is realized that this rule deprives the Association of the active voice and official help of scores of individual Baptist pastors and others, who, while themselves with us in heart, are either pastors of, or members in churches which are not in fellowship with the Association.

Let it be understood that any individual in the North whose heart yearns for the kind of fellowship as here set forth, and desires to meet with his brethren in the expressions of such a fellowship, is ten thousand times welcome to any and all of the meetings of the Association. The only time in which he will be made to feel any difference between himself and the brethren from the fellowshipping churches, will be in the very few, brief moments allotted to business. Aside from that, the enjoyment of the fellowship is open to all who may desire it.

OUR MISSIONARY POLICY

The settled missionary policy of the Association is not to create another Bantist mission board. The moment this is done, we would have a duplicate of the Northern Baptist Convention. Granted that the management of it might be in the hands of Fundamentalists, yet the whole set up would be Baptistically wrong.

The creation of a missionary board with the establishing of certain missionary fields, and the sending forth of missionaries to those fields, creates the evident necessity for an overhead management. This management must lie in the hands of the board. The board presents its program at the annual convention. So much money must be raised. Certain things must be done. This "musty" program is taken back to the churches by a few delegates, and the old treadmill of endeavor is started all over again in an effort to warm up a cold church to a cold proposition. Baptists ought to be the most ready to learn that the Baptist genius is from the local churches up, and not from a convention board down!

There are already in existence several very fine and able independent, faith Baptist mission agencies. We do not here refer to what is commonly called "faith missions," that are Baptist in everything but name. For such we have nothing but warm-hearted fellowship in thankfulness Referto God. here made however ence is to actual BAPTIST agencies, which are Baptist in name, such as the Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient; the General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions and others. Those agencies have all been separated from the Northern Baptist Convention for the same reason that has caused the creation of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

The policy of the Association is to swing independent Baptist influence, money and missionaries back of these independent Baptist : « agencies. In the event that any one of these agencies should ever stray from the path of Baptist orthodoxy, proper business procedure or scriptural evangelism, all that would be required would be for the General Association of Regular Baptists to remove them from its approved list, and cease any further cooperation or support of their particular activities. This can be done without tearing up the household of the General Association itself, as unfortunately is necessary by the very structure of the Northern Baptist Convention.

A responsible council is elected each year, whose business it is to thoroughly investigate every agency which applies for the official sanction of the Association. If found to be satisfactory in doctrine, financial policy, and field practice, they are listed on the approved list and their names are published monthly in the official organ of the Association. This council will also aid churches in securing literature concerning approved mission agencies, help them to get in touch with missionaries from these agencies, and in any other way possible assist in a real, practical propagation of the approved agencies.

We believe that this policy is thoroughly Baptistic. It leaves every agency separate and independent, as all units of Baptist groupings must ever be. On the other hand, it makes them dependent upon the good will and confidence of the churches. This is the old Baptist missionary fellowship, back in the days of what was called the "May Anniversaries." And what glorious days they were! Those days in reality, closed with the development of the organization of the Northern Baptist Convention, when these free and sovereign Baptist churches were all bolted together in a tremendous un-Baptistic machine.

Independent Baptist missionary agencies, approved by the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, will be found listed below.

Let it be thoroughly understood that none of these agencies has any organic union or relationship to the General Association, in any way, shape or form. They are each of them separate, autonomous, independent agencies, but because of their position as independent Baptists, their doctrinal basis and policies and practices in the field of their operation, they have met with the thorough approval of the Association.

The agencies on the approved list at present are: Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, 1310 Schaff Building, 15th and Race Sts., Philadelphia 2, Pa.; Africa Christian Mission (Independent Baptist), 19 Church St., Paterson, N. J.; General Council of Cooperating Baptist Missions (Mid-Missions, 977 The Arcade, 401 Euclid Ave., Cleveland 14, Ohio; Mexican Gospel Mission (An Independent Baptist Work), P. O. Box 2404, Phoenix, Ariz.: Baptist Bible Seminary, Main and Baldwin Streets, Johnson City, N. Y.; Interstate Evangelistic Association (A Baptist Fellowship), 1270 Sixth Ave., Room 607, New York, N. Y.; Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, 232 East Ave., Elyria, Ohio; Columbia Basin Mission, 112 N Cleveland Ave., Wenatchee, Wash.; Hiawatha-Land Independent Baptist Mission, Inc., 1711 First Avenue, So., Escanaba,

The omissions are as significant as the inclusions.

OUR MISSIONARY RESULTS 199 - - \$444,523.02

There is a real story behind these figures! A story that ought to thrill the heart of every Baptist, send us all to our knees in humble thanksgiving, put us on our feet to sing the doxology, and turn our faces to the future with even greater determination to follow our Lord at any cost!

The figure 199 is the number of G. A. R. B. churches who have up to this moment turned in their statistical report for last year. There are 99 other churches actually in the fellowship yet from whom to hear.

The figure \$444,523.02 is the total gifts for purely missionary purposes given last year by these 199 churches. There is no doubt that when the other 99 reports are in it will be discovered that the total missionary giving of the 298 churches has reached if not exceeded the half million dollar mark.

The total membership of the 199 reporting churches is 42.899. This means that the per capita giving for missions in these churches was \$10.04. This missionary total is not "ballooned" by several large churches which give exceptionally large There are only four churches in the whole fellowship with memberships of over one thousand. Seventy-four of these reporting 199 churches have memberships of less than 100. These 74 small churches gave a total of \$32,470.64, or an average missionary offering per small church of \$439.00! One church with a membership of 47 gave \$1,890.00 to missions!

In addition to this, nearly half million dollars given for missions, these same 199 churches gave a total for purely local expenses of \$1,040,315.82.

The latest figures from the 1944 Northern Baptist Convention show a total giving for purely missionary purposes of \$3,295,000. With a total membership of 1,500,000, this makes the per capita giving for Northern Baptists only a fraction over \$2.19. There was also \$1,284,000 given for their World Emergency Fund. It is doubtful if this can be legitimately classified as "missions," but if it can be it would raise the per capita giving of Northern Baptists to only a fraction over \$3.05.

This ought to be the answer to every thinking Baptist everywhere as to whether clean-cut separation really pays for the cause of Christ. We know of scores of these churches included in this 199, who while in the Convention were giving a mere pittance to missions and are now giving multiplied thousands. One church in the Convention gave \$1,800 for missions; within six years after its withdrawal it gave \$8,100 for missions. Another church boasted of \$2,900 as its top gift for missions in the old Convention days and seven years after its withdrawal it gave over \$21,000 for the year to missions. This story can be repeated in principle from Maine to California. The reason is that Baptists will give to missions when they are given a missionary project that is Biblically and Baptistically sound. We invite churches and pastors still in the Northern Convention, to really think these figures through and let the inescapable logic involved in them answer the doubts

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and confusion in their hearts and to unite themselves with us in this blessed fellowship of old-fashioned Baptists.

FUTURE OF ASSOCIA-TION SAFEGUARDED

A careful reading of the Constitution of the General Association, herein contained, will convince anyone that the future of the Association is adequately safeguarded from the possibility of any political maneuvers on the part of designing individuals, and the control of the Association is placed in the hands of the local churches, where Baptists have always placed it.

CONSTITUTION AND ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article I. Name. General Association of Regular Baptist Churches (North).

Article II. Purpose.

To spread the Gospel, advance Baptist missionary enterprises, promote evangelism and provide Fellowship for Baptist Churches. (This statement governs the policy of the Association only, and in no wise makes mandatory any like policy in any fellowshipping church).

Article III. Meetings.

A meeting of the Association shall be held annually for the transaction of business, the election of officers and the conducting of a Bible and Missionary Conference at a date and place to be fixed by the Council.

Article IV. Fellowship and Voting Privileges

Section 1. Any Baptist Church in the North which is no longer in Fellowship or in cooperation with the Northern Baptist Convention auxiliaries and which subscribes to the Constitution and Articles of Faith herein contained, and signifies in writing its desire to be considered in Fellowship with the Association, may, upon such written notice, be received into the Fellowship by a majority vote of the Association. Such notice of the church's desire shall be presented to the Secretary of the Association by the clerk of the Church.

Section 2. Each Church shall be entitled to a maximum of six voting messengers at the Annual meeting, two of whom shall be empowered to sit on the Elections Committee, but

cach Church is urged to send as many non-voting messengers as possible. Each year every voting messenger shall subscribe to the Constitution and Articles of Faith of the Association, prior to taking his seat in the annual meeting.

Section 3. No salaried servant of the Association shall be entitled to vote.

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Article V. Officers and Their Election.

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a Council of fourteen men (pastors or laymen of Fellowshipping churches) seven of whom shall be elected for one year and seven for two years. Seven shall be elected annually thereafter to serve for two years. Council members who cease to be members of fellowshipping churches shall fill out their unexpired terms (exceptions to the rule being determined by the council) but shall not be eligible for re-election until affiliated with a fellowshipping church.

Section 2. The Council shall appoint annually the editor of the official organ and the Secretary-Treasurer of the Association.

Section 3. The Council shall meet at the annual conference immediately after its election and shall appoint from its own body individuals to care for the various matters relative to the work of the Association, such as missions, publications, programs, enrollment, etc. The Council may appoint sectional representatives. These representatives may or may not be members of the Council.

Section 4. The Council shall be elected in the following manner: Each church in Fellowship with the Association shall meet in business session and nominate as many names for the Council as it may desire. These names shall be sent to the Secretary of the Association at least two weeks in advance of the annual meeting. The secretary will make proper tabulation of all lists and the fifteen highest names shall be considered the nominees. Each church in Fellowship with the Association shall designate two of its messengers to serve on the committee of election, which two shall consist either of the pastor and a layman, or two laymen. At an announced time during the annual conference, at the call of the secretary, this committee shall meet at which time the list of fifteen nominees shall be presented to it and

each member shall select seven. The seven highest shall be considered elected to the Council.

Section 5. The Council shall appoint one of its members to act as Moderator of the public meetings of the Association. It shall also appoint one of its members as chairman of the Council.

Article VI. Amendments.

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a two-thirds vote of the messengers present and voting.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

I. Of The Scriptures

We believe that the Holy Bible as originally written was verbally inspired and the product of Spirit-controlled men, and therefore has truth without any admixture of error for its matter. We believe the Bible to be the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard by which all human conduct, creeds, and opinions, shall be tried.

II Timothy 3:16-17; II Peter 1:19-

II. Of The True God

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, an infinite Spirit, the Maker and Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth; inexpressively 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 excuting distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.

Exodus 20:2-3; I Corinthians 8:6; Revelation 4:11; I John 5:7.

III. Of The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is a divine person; with God the Father and God the Son and of the same nature; that He was active in the creation; that in His relation to the unbelieving world He restrains the evil one until God's purpose is fulfilled; that He convicts of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment; that He bears witness to the Truth of the Gospel in preaching and testimony: that He is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, endues, guides, teaches, witnesses, sanctifies and helps the believer.

John 14:16-17; Matt. 28:19; Heb. 9:14; John 14:26; Luke 1:35; Gen. 1:1-3; John 16:8-11; Acts 5:30-32;

John 3: 5-6; Eph. 1: 13-14; Mark 1: 8; John 1: 33; Acts 11: 16; Luke 24: 49; Rom. 8: 14; Rom. 8: 16; Rom. 8: 26-27.

IV. Of The Devil, Or Satan

We believe in the personality of Satan, that he is the unholy god of this age, and the author of all the powers of darkness, and is destined to the judgment of an eternal justice in the lake of fire.

Matt. 4:1-3; II Cor. 4:4; Rev. 20:10.

V. OF The Creation

We accept the Genesis account of creation and believe that man came by direct creation of God and not by evolution.

Genesis, chapters 1 and 2; Col. 1:16-17; John 1:3.

VI. Of The Fall Of Man

We believe the man was created in innocence under the law of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from his sinless and happy state in consequence of which all mankind are now sinners, not only by constraint, but of choice; and therefore under just condemnation without defense or excuse.

Gen. 3:1-6, 24; Rom. 5:19; Rom. 5:12; Rom. 5:10-19; Rom. 1:18; Rom. 1:32.

VII. Of The Virgin Birth

We believe that Jesus was begotten of the Holy Ghost in a miraculous manner; born of Mary, a virgin, as no other man was ever born or can ever be born of woman, and that He is both the Son of God, and God, the Son.

Gen. 3:15; Isa. 7:14; Matt. 1:18-25; Luke 1:35; John 1:14.

VIII. Of The Atonement For Sin 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 and vicarious atonement for our sins; that His atonement consisted not in setting us an example by His death as a martyr, but was a voluntary substitution of Himself in the sinner's place, the Just dying for the unjust; Christ, the Lord, bearing our sins in His own body on the tree; that having risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven, and uniting in His wonderful person the tenderest sympathies with divine perfection, He is in every way qualified to be a suitable, a compassionate and an all-sufficient Savior.

Eph. 2:8; Acts 15:11; Rom: 3:24; John 3:16; Matt. 18:11; Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:14; Isa. 53:4-7; Rom. 3:25; I John 4:10; I Cor. 15:3; II Cor. 5:21.

IX. Of Grace In The New Creation

We believe that in order to be saved, sinners must be born again: that the new birth is a new creation in Christ Jesus; that it is instantaneous and not a process; that in the new birth the one dead in trespasses and in sins is made a partaker of the divine nature and receives eternal life, the free gift of God; that the new creation is brought about in a manner above our comprehension, solely by the power of the Holy Spirit in connection with divine truth, so as to secure our voluntary obedience to the gospel; that its proper evidence appears in the holy fruits of repentance and faith and newness of life.

John 3:3; II Cor. 5:17; I John 5:1; John 3:6-7; Acts 16:30-33; II Peter 1:4; Rom. 6:23; Eph. 2:1; II Cor. 5:19; Col. 2:13; John 3:8.

X. Of Justification

We believe that the great gospel blessing which Christ secures to such as believe in Him is Justification;

- (a) That Justification includes the pardon of sin, and the gift of eternal life on principles of righteousness:
- (b) That it is bestowed not in consideration of any works of right-eousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the redeemer's blood. His righteousness is imputed to us.

Acts. 13:39; Isa. 53:11; Zech. 13:1; Rom. 8:1; Rom. 5:9; Rom. 5:1.

XI. Of Faith And Salvation
We believe that faith in the Lord
Jesus Christ is the only condition
of salvation.

Acts 16:31.

XII. Of The Local Church
We believe that a local church
is a congregation of immersed believers, associated by covenant of
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 officers are pastors, and deacons whose qualifications, claims, and duties, are clearly defined in the Scriptures; we believe the true Mission of the church is the faithful witnessing of Christ to all men as we have opportunity. We hold that the local church has the absolute right of self-government, free trom the inheritance of any hierarchy of individuals or organizations: and that the one and only superintendent is Christ, through the Holy Spirit: that it is scriptural for true churches to co-operate with each other in contending for the faith and for the furtherance of the Gospel; that each local church is the sole judge of the measure and methods of its co-operation; on all matters of membership, of polity, of government, of discipline, of benevolence, the will of the local church is final.

Acts 2:41-42; I Cor. 11:2; Eph. 1:22-23; Eph. 4:11; Acts 20:17-28; I Tim. 3:17; Col. 1:18; Eph. 5:23-24; Acts 15:13-18.

XIII. Of Baptism And The Lord's Supper

We believe that Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water to show forth in a solemn and beautiful emblem our faith in the crucified, buried and risen Savior, 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. We believe that the Lord's Supper is the commemoration of His death until He come, and should be preceded always by solemn self-examination.

Acts 8: 36-39; John 3: 23; Rom. 6: 3-5; Matt. 3: 16; Col. 2: 12; I Cor. 11: 23-28.

XIV. Of The Security Of The Saints

We believe that all who are truly born again are kept by God the Father for Jesus Christ.

Phil. 1:6; John 10:28-29; Rom. 8:35-39; Jude I (R. V.).

XV. 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 Christ, 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, in the everlasting felicity of the saved and the everlasting conscious suffering of the lost.

Mal. 3:18; Gen. 18:23; Rom. 6:17-18; I John 5:19; Rom. 7:6; Rom. 6:23; Prov. 14:32; Luke 6:25; Matt.

25:34-41; John 8:21.

XVI. Of Civil Government

We believe that civil government is of divine appointment, for the interests and good order of human society; that magistrates are to be prayed for, conscientiously honored, and obeyed; except in things opposed to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ who is the only Lord of the conscience, and the coming Prince of the Kings of the earth.

Rom. 13:17; II Sam. 23:3; Ex. 18:21-22; Acts 23:5; Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:20; Acts 4:19-20; Dan. 3:17-

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XVII. Of The Resurrection, Personal, Visible, Pre-millennial Return Of Christ, And Related Events

(a) We believe in the Bodily Resurrection.

Matt. 28:6-7; Luke 24:39; John 20:27; I Cor. 15:4; Mark 16:6; Luke 24:2-6.

(b) The Ascension.

Acts 1:9-11; Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Rev. 3:21; Heb. 12:2.

(c) The High Priesthood. Heb. 8:6; I Tim. 2:5; I John 2:1; Heb. 2:17; Heb. 5:9-10.

(d) The Second Coming.
John 14:3; Acts 1:11; I Thess.
4:16; James 5:8; Heb. 9:28.

(e) The Resurrection of the Righteous Dead.

I Thess. 4:13-18; I Cor. 15:42-44; I Cor. 15:52.

(f) The Change of the Living in Christ.

I Cor. 15:51-53; I Thess. 4:13-18; Phil. 3:20-21.

(g) The Throne of David. Luke 1:32; Isa. 9:6-7; Acts 2:29-

(h) The Millennial Reign. I Cor. 15: 25; Isa. 32: 1; Isa. 11: 4-5; Psa. 72: 8; Rev. 20: 14; Rev. 20: 6.

WHO CONTROLS THE G. A. R. B. C. ?

The General Association of Regular Baptist Churches North is now twelve years old. It has grown from an original group of less than fifty churches to its present two hundred and ninety-five or three

hundred.

It is well at this time to restate the constitutional provisions and the constituted policies of the Association. In 1932 and 33 discussions and conferences were held preparatory to the final adoption of the constitution which took place in 1934. In these conferences and discussions it was recognized that one of the inherent weaknesses of the old Baptist Bible Union was the fact that it was an organization of individuals. Any individual who signed the confession of faith was thereby immediately admitted to full membership and privileges in the union. Every man came on his own recommendation and the result was that many came who never in the world would have been sent up to the Convention by any responsible Baptist church. In the founding of the G. A. R. B. C. it was felt that this weakness should be guarded against and that the fellowship and control of the new Association should be in the hands of local churches instead of in the hands of self-appointed individuals. Therefore, it was decided that the Association should be a fellowship of churches. Each fellowshipping church in the Association, regardless of the size of its membership has the privilege of sending up to the annual conference, six of its When members as messengers. these messengers arrive it is assumed that the local church of which they are a member had confidence enough in them to send them as their messengers and therefore, the Association accepts them and they have the privilege of the floor, voting privileges, and the privilege of holding office. This provision safeguards the Association from some of the evils which befell the Baptist Bible Union.

There is no president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, etc., in the G. A. R. B. C. elected annually by the ordinary process of some "appointed" nominating committee, presenting a list of names for the approval of the body. This system has always provided for political wire-pulling in the appointment of a nominating committee, which in turn could be trusted to bring in the "proper" recommendations. Seldom, if ever, is the report of such a nominating committee changed by the electing body. It is a safe wager that those nominated will be elected. To overcome this possibility of political engineering and to forever safeguard

the General Association against any such maneuvering for place and power in the Association, at the suggestion of this editor at the meeting in Waterloo in 1938, the Constitution was amended to read as it now stands. Instead of the usual list of "officers" elected in the above described manner, there is a council of fourteen men elected, seven each year serving for a term of two years. These fourteen men are all on a par with each other. The Association does not name one of them the president, and one of them something else. The council itself organizes with a chairman of the council, but this does not make him president of the Association. He may or may not preside at the public meetings of the Association, but if he does it is in no sense to be interpreted that he is the "president" of anything.

This council of fourteen men is formed and elected in the following democratic manner. Several weeks prior to the annual conference, the secretary of the Council of Fourteen sends to every fellowshipping church, a copy of the Constitution, calling their attention to the provisions for the nomination and election of the council and urging them to exercise their privileges as a fellowshipping church. Each church has the privilege of sending to the secretary of the Council, a list of nominations for the seven councilors whose terms will expire at the annual conference. Each church may send one name or a hundred names as nominees. As these names come into the office of the secretary of the Council each name is listed and every time that name occurs in some other church's ballot of nomination, it is so indicated opposite his name. Two weeks before the annual conference nominations are "closed." The names which have come in with their individual tallies are counted by the secretary of the Council and a record made of every name presented, and the number of times it was presented. The fifteen highest are then placed on a ballot. The ballot is taken to the annual conference, where seven of the fifteen are elected.

This election of the council takes place in the following manner. Each fellowshipping church of the Association, before their messengers leave home, designates two of its messengers to act on the elections committee. Every church is entitled to two members, regardless of the size of the church. These mes-

sengers coming from the churches and sent there by the churches specifically for the business of electing the Council, gather together at which time they are presented with the ballot carrying the names of the fifteen nominees. The secretary of the council has with him upon every occasion, all of the original nominations sent in by the fellowshipping churches and they are placed on a table for the examination of any one who wishes to look them over. Thus his listing of the fifteen is open to check at any time by a committee or by any individual, or by the group as a whole if they so desire. After prayer the messengers from the churches proceed to mark their ballots and the seven highest out of the fifteen are declared elected for a term of two years to the Council. Last year at Johnson City there were over three hundred messengers from the churches who quietly and prayerfully took the nominations which had come up from the churches and proceeded as messengers of the churches to elect seven men to the Council.

We believe that this procedure is Baptistic, democratic, and safe. For the life of us we do not know how any mortal man would proceed to get himself elected under the provisions of this Constitution. His election must rest upon the final voice and vote of the *churches*, both in nomination and election. His succession in office year after year or even a single term is not determined by some favorable nominating committee who sees to it that he is one of the annual nominees.

HOW TO ENTER THE FELLOWSHIP

The constitution provides that any Baptist church in the North, which is no longer in fellowship or cooperation with the Northern Baptist Convention, or its affiliates (whether this lack of fellowship and cooperation has been expressed by actual vote of the church, or by no longer practicing fellowship and cooperation) and which subscribes to the Constitution and Confession of Faith of the Association, and signifies in writing its desire to find fellowship with the Association, may be received into the fellowship. Mark you — not membership. A Baptist church cannot be a member of anything outside of itself. It can declare itself in fellowship with any body of Baptists on earth, but it cannot be a member.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON BAPTIST INDIVIDUALISM

By Rev. R. T. Ketcham

One of the outstanding principles and doctrines of Baptists through the centuries has been what we call "individual soul liberty." By this phrase is meant the right, so far as any human intervention is concerned, of every soul to approach God and interpret God for himself. It is understood, of course, that the phrase does not mean that the soul is sovereign above God. It does mean that the soul is sovereign above all other souls.

If an individual makes mistake in the exercise of his soul sover-eignty in his approach to, or interpretation of God, then he must settle with God on that score, but no other human, or combination of humans, anywhere on the face of the earth can coerce him to approach any other way, or to interpret God in any other fashion than he chooses for himself.

We need to pause just here and point out the fact that this phrase, "individual soul liberty," has been much over-looked in recent days. When some of us in the Baptist denomination, who still believe the old fashioned doctrines, raised our voices in protest against the encroachments of Modernism and its devastating influence in the ranks of the people called Baptists; when we further insisted that these men and women who are holding Modern views, and had long since departed from all semblance of historic Baptist position, should be honest enough to take their 'leave of the people called Baptists, and go over to the Unitarians or someone else whose doctrines they had come to adopt, we were told that our insistence was a violation of the Baptist doctrine and principle of individual soul liberty. We were told that Baptists believe and teach that an individual can believe anything he wants to about God. True enough, but one would have to search forever to find any indication where Baptists have ever said that a man could believe anything he wanted to about God, and still be a Baptist.

A true Baptist will be the first to concede that any individual or group of individuals has a right, so far as any other human coercion is concerned, to believe anything they want to. But certainly no true Baptist would insist that a man who has come to the place where he denies the deity of Jesus Christ, and the inspiration of the word of God, salvation through the shed blood of Christ, the bliss of heaven and the woes of hell, the personality of the Holy Spirit, and all the other cardinal and fundamental doctrines which Baptists have held dear through the centuries, should remain among the people called Baptists. The variety of denominations which occupy the religious stage are, in our judgment, a great convenience. Each one of these denominations is a denomination by reason of the fact that it denominates itself from all others by reason of what it believes. The Baptist denomination concedes the right of all these other denominations to exist, so far as any human interference or coercion is When in the course of concerned. time, an individual finds himself in the Baptist denomination, and also finds himself no longer believing the cardinal doctrines of that denomination, for that individual to remain there is a breach of ethics and an abandonment of common honesty. Let him pack up his belongings and move over to some other place on the religious stage where there is a denomination which holds his views.

THE INDIVIDUAL NEEDS FELLOWSHIP

While it is true that the individual has a right to approach God and interpret God for himself, it is equally true that each individual needs to have fellowship with all other individuals who have approached God and interpreted God in like manner as himself. Naturally, one could not have much fellowship with others who do not believe as he does about God and His Book, but certainly, one ought to have blessed fellowship with all those who do believe as he does.

God has been pleased to meet this need of the individual in the matter of providing him with a place for fellowship, by the establishment of His church. Baptists believe that the local church is made up of a group of sovereign souls, all of them having voluntarily come to the same belief and interpretation of God and His Book.

We hold that for his own spiritual welfare, every Christian ought to be identified in the fellowship of some church. Let him find the church or denomination which most nearly approximates his own views, and get into that church or denomination for fellowship and service. If he should find, after a few months, or even a few years in such a church or denomination, that there is still another church or another denomination which more nearly approximates his views, then he should at once make arrangements to transfer his membership thereto.

Since the local assembly is made up of a collection of individual souls, each one of them sovereign in his relationship to God, it necessarily follows that the church would, therefore, occupy the same position, namely, absolutely sovereign in its relationship to God. If no other individual in the world has a right to dictate to the sovereign individual his relationship to God, then it logically follows that no other individual or group of individuals formed into associations, conventions, or boards can dictate to the local church, its relationship to God. It is an inescapable bit of logic that an assembly of believers made up of sovereign individual souls, constitutes in the aggregate and in the sum total, a church that is sovereign

BUT THE CHURCH NEEDS FELLOWSHIP

If it is true that each individual Christian needs to have fellowship with other Christians who believe as he believes, and that this fellowship is a vital and necessary contribution to his spiritual welfare and development, then it logically follows that a local church made up of these individuals needs to have fellowship with other churches made up of the same kind of individuals believing the same thing.

Scattered across the northern territory of the United States in particular, there are literally hundreds of Baptist churches which at one time had fellowship with the Northern Baptist Convention, State Conventions, and local Baptist Associations, but because of conviction, and for Christ and conscience's sake, that fellowship has ceased in practice because it had already ceased in essence. Many of these churches have united themselves together in rather loosely formed fellowships covering limited geographical areas. Others have united themselves in such a loosely formed fellowship in the nation wide fellowship known as the General Association \mathbf{of} Regular Baptist Churches. Some of these churches

are in fellowship with both the local and the General fellowship.

There are, however, scores of churches that are remaining absolutely independent of any fellowship whatsoever. We honestly believe this to be a dangerous position.

DANGER OF NON-FELLOWSHIP

First of all, we believe it to be dangerous for the very same reason that we believe it is dangerous for an individual soul to stay away from the fellowship and worship services of his church. As pastors, we insist that our people cannot be their best unless they are more or less regular in attendance at the services of divine worship; meeting with others and assembling themselves together with others in the fellowship and service of a church.

If this is true of single individuals, it is true of collective groups of individuals, called churches. Neither men nor churches can be their best,

living unto themselves.

In the second place, we believe it to be dangerous because the independent position of the non-tellowshipping church opens itself to all sorts of attacks. We are thinking just now of a church not so far removed from us, where during a pastorate extending over several years, a much beloved leader brought his people to the point where they saw the fallacy of longer continuing in fellowship with the convention and its affiliates, and they, therefore, ceased all active cooperation. They enjoyed a time of blessed "independence." Again and again, invitations were extended to this church to unite in the fellowship of other churches already out of the Convention, but they maintained their "independent" stand. Finally, their beloved and trusted pastor was called to another field. In less than twelve months from the time he left, another pastor had been called to the field, and he had led this church back into full and hearty fellowship and cooperation with the Convention out of which they had come a few years previous. In spite of all that could be said about a church that could be switched that suddenly, not having much of a mind of its own, etc., we still believe that had that church been lined up in definite fellowship in worship and service with other Baptist churches already out of the Convention; had they been going to the fellowship meetings; had they been attending the glorious conferences conducted by the

fellowship group, and had the members of that church come to know something of the glorious visitations of God in the group which had ceased to fellowship with the Convention, they never in the world could have been inveigled into going back into the wilderness of conventionism. But, they had never gotten a taste of the glories of the Canaan land of the fundamentalist fellowship, and, therefore, the onions, leeks, and garlic still appealed to them.

Our suggestion is that every church that is free from the Convention ought to make haste to line itself up in fellowship with the other churches who, like itself, have broken fellowship with the Convention. This fellowship ought not to be simply a matter of paper. It should be a practical thing. They should make every effort to get at least three, or four, or five of their membership to attend some meeting at least annually, if not oftener, of some of the independent fellowships.

In the third place, we believe this ultra "independent" position is dangerous because of its reactions upon pastor and church. Some time ago, a very beloved friend of mine, who, over a period of more than fifteen years had maintained this "independent" attitude to which we are referring, wrote me expressing his regret that he had maintained such a position, for two reasons. In his letter to us, he stated frankly his conviction that after his long ministry of more than fifteen years, in his present pastorate, he felt that it would be in the will of God for him to move elsewhere. As he began to think of all the things involved in such a move, he suddenly discovered that he had cut himself and his church off from the very resources upon which he hoped to draw in such a change of pastorates. He had not been in attendance at the annual or other meetings of the independent fellowships, and therefore, did not know what churches were out of the Convention and independent of their control, and consequently did not know where to turn to seek entrance to another pulpit that was free from Convention cooperation. On the other hand, should he resign and leave, his own church, because it had not fellowshipped with the other churches and the other brethren, would not know where in the world to turn to look for a successor to himself, with the result that they might turn in the

wrong direction.

Surely, with the total absence of machinery and any possibility of there ever being any machinery created in the present or future set up of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, we see no reason in the world why all churches independent of Convention cooperation should not find in this fellowship, a place of happy communion.

A FURTHER WORD

While we are on this subject of Baptist individualism, we ought to point out another very obvious tact. We have fallen upon a day when the Convention leaders are trying to tell us, and even go so far as to try to tell us in courts of law, that a local Baptist church cannot exercise its own sovereign right to determine with whom it shall cooperate in fellowship and service. They say that a Baptist church, by a majority vote, cannot withdraw from cooperation in fellowship and service in the established Convention. That argument carried to its logical end would mean that an individual member of a local church could not withdraw fellowship from the local Baptist church and place it with another Baptist church. We insist that so long as it is Baptist practice and custom for individuals to withdraw their fellowship from one Baptist church and take it to another, that by the self-same right, Baptist churches have a right to withdraw their fellowship from one group of Baptist churches, and take their fellowship to another group of Baptist churches. When the hour arrives that this is not true, then all that was once known as Baptist doctrine and principle, has perished from the face of the earth forever.

TIES WHICH NEED UN-TYING

(As Seen By A Layman)

"What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder"; and this divine ruling has application also to spiritual fellowship in the church, and to oneness with Christ, but the servants of Satan have succeeded in forming unscriptural "TIES" which need to be "UN-TIED." In reading church history we see that Satan failed to destroy christianity by the use of physical force, and had a small measure of suc-

cess through outspoken infidelity, but today he has a new weapon in the form of "MODERNISM" which is fast tearing down the structure of christianity which has taken Christ's workmen many centuries to build. The satanic power of this new weapon lies in its introduction of an imitation christianity, which on the surface is so much like the real thing that thousands of innocent victims have been lured into its web.

So secret and hidden is the workings of this diabolical new weapon that the majority of the saints of God are making light of the warnings which are sounded by the watchmen of the church, and are showing their ignorance of the vital issues at stake by saving, "It looks to me like mere childishness for people to bring strife and division into the church over such a little thing as 'modernism' in the pulpit. I have heard expressions of this type so often from people of "good and regular standing in the church" that I saw the necessity of a little tract being published and distributed, that their spiritual eyes might be opened to the dangers that confront them, and that they might join the ranks of the active "FUN-DAMENTALISTS" in the fight against infidelity, especially against infidel "snipers" in their secret foxholes.

It is true of both saints and sinners that the majority of people avoid the labor or exercise of deep thinking, and just ride along on the trains of thought which are constructed by their religious leaders, and taking advantage of this human tendency, the powers of evil saw to it that unbelievers with their imitation chrisianity should pose as angels of light, and get a call to occupy the pulpits of christendom. Never let it be said that these preachers are sincere in their religious belief, for no man can be honest while substituting the IMI-TATION for the GENUINE. They are graduate Bible students, and they know what the Word of God says about the fundamentals of the SAVING GOSPEL, yet they deliberately substitute a SOCIAL GOSPEL, so covering up the exchange that the congregation is fooled all the time, and made tobelieve that the true gospel is being preached to them every Lord's Day.

If you think this is impossible, you need but attend the performance of an expert magician, and see

how his tricks can fool you all the time. The graduate from a modernist theological seminary knows a thousand WORD TRICKS that you never dreamed of, and by skillful use of these oratorical instruments, he can force Scripture texts to reverse their definitions and applications to the delight of the demons of the pit. He knows that the true believers and heavy givers in his congregation want to hear about the miracles of the Bible, and so he avoids any mention of the super-natural, and talks about the miracles of invention, the miracles of higher education, and the miracle of the transformation of human thought. You question him about the hand of God in the wonders of healing and "works which none other man did," (Jn. 15:24.) and he will parry the thrust by talking about the unknown powers of undiscovered natural laws. Anything to deny the fact of the super-natural.

He knows that the saved ones of the congregation will want to hear about the NEW BIRTH, and so he talks about the new birth of new resolutions, the new birth of higher ideals, and the new birth of higher education. Anything to avoid the acknowledgement of a supernatural transformation of the soul and spirit in conversion. He speaks of the turning over of a new leaf as an experience in being born again, thus reversing the Bible teaching along this line, but making you think that he is preaching the pure gospel. In his school training he is taught how to take every word of the Bible which bears upon the super-natural, and put upon it a definition and construction which brings it down from its celestial position to a terrestrial position, and do it without your discovery of the "sleight of hand" performance.

Taking notes from his lectures, and from his college, text-books, we could provide you with a large volume of illustrations of the WORD TRICKERY which is at the finger tips of the educated modernist preacher. If you have such a preacher, and have a keen mentality, you may get much entertainment for yourself by listening carefully and finding the many Bible words which he will rob of their true definition. When you hear him speak of "Faith," "Grace," "Sin," "Salvation," "Redemption," "Reconciliation," "Atonement," "Sanctification," "Holiness," and other words having a celestial nature, just make

a note of his application, and then take your Bible and concordance and see how differently such words are defined and applied by the inspired writers of the holy Scriptures. By that time you may think of joining some other church.

Many honest believers are under the impression that this wrangling over "modernism" and "fundamentalism" is just an excuse to mar the unity and fellowship of the congregation, but they fail to see the need of house-cleaning in the church, both as to doctrine and fellowship. A genuine New Testament Church is a spiritual family which belongs to Christ, and every child in this family is subject to the rules laid down by the heavenly Father who gave them their super-natural spiritual birth. In a lodge fraternity where only earthly benefits are received, both good and bad share alike, but the supreme Ruler over the brotherhood of the redeemed church has, in his Book Of Rules, forbidden equal fellowship and equal benefits to the saved and the unsaved, and the fundamentalists are more than justified in fighting for these God-given rulings. Contesting for God's rights is more important than peace-feelers to make the unsaved to feel at home in the

The farmer may allow the sheep and the hogs to feed in the same pasture where the groups remain at a sanitary distance from each other, but he is a fool if he beds them together in the same pen. God has forbidden the farmer to plow with the ox and the ass hitched together. If a convert has grown in grace at all, he should take the word of God seriously where it says, "Be ye not unequally voked together with unbelievers." "What part hath he that believeth with an infidel?" (2 Cor. 6:14-15.) A church that is sound asleep does not take much notice of the character of its bedfellow, but if you will arouse yourself, and get wise to those TIES that need UN-TYING, you will find that the preacher graduate from a modernistic theological school is trained in UNBELIEF and INFIDELITY, and has no business to occupy a pulpit. If ministering to a good church, he might refrain from broadcasting his infidelity, yet prove to be a BLANK as far as soul-saving and spiritual feeding are concerned.

The unconverted members of the church may want to retain this preacher because they agree with his theories about the "Universal fatherhood of God," and the "universal brotherhood of man," therefore will oppose the plan of the converted members who want to replace him with a preacher who believes the whole Bible, and preaches the fullness of the teachings of Jesus Christ. Hence, the battle is on.

The most inconsistent thing about a modernist preacher is his praise for the good character and good works of Christ, while denying all the claims of Christ as to his divinity. How could Jesus be set up as the perfect man and the perfect example for others to try to follow, if he told a hundred lies about his super-natural personage and powers? If Jesus was not actually "THE SON OF GOD" by preexistence, and if his incarnation in the flesh as "THE SON OF MAN" was not of virgin birth, then he became the world's champion hypocrite when he prayed, "Father, glorify thou me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

There is no fact in the material world that can be established by so many proofs and evidences as the following facts in the spiritual world; God the Creator of all things; the Bible infallible and divinely inspired; Christ the only hope of eternal security; the church the only bride of Christ and the only heavenly family. Sinners must experience a super-natural birth in order to secure a heavenly home. If your preacher believes and teaches otherwise, then either dismiss him or withdraw your membership from that church, for you will never get any spiritual food by listening to his so called "social gospel." You cannot have a "good conscience" in remaining in that fellowship after receiving the light afforded by this little tract.

Does the opinion of Christ in these matters mean nothing to you? Are you so rooted to a bad situation that you cannot heed the call of the Savior, "TAKE UP THY BED AND WALK?" Bid good-bye to Federal Council and Convention controlled by infidels, and join the G. A. R. B. Either find a church, or build a church, where souls are being saved, and where Christian fellowship and spiritual food are to be found.

(This may be had in tract form free).

THE ATTITUDE OF THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION

In all the constant and current battle betwixt the hosts of the Lord and the hosts of darkness, both as it affects the church in her mission to a lost and dying world, and the presence of apostate ministers in her pulpits, the General Association believes that the clearest and most essential convictions may still be held by all in its fellowship, and at the same time we may exercise consideration of and gracious regard for brethren in Christ, who, truly loving the Lord and preaching His word, are unable to see eye to eye with the separatist policy and program of the Association.

Let no pastor of a Convention church or any of his people consider that the General Association has an attitude of caustic criticism, bitter antagonism, or of egotistical superiority in pious pride. We are glad wherever men may lead souls to Christ; we rejoice wherever men may build up the body of Christ in the nurture of the Lord; we rejoice whenever a true missionary, who holds to the gospel of unadulterated grace, is sent by any board, Baptist or otherwise, to the field to aid in completing the task of world evangelism and hastening unto the day of the appearing of

Frankly, we deplore the fact that souls saved under such ministry are led to give to missions and support a general program which in such large proportion is unorthodox, un-Biblical and un-Baptistic. We believe the cause of Christ in all of its purity would be greatly profited if all the pastors and churches who in themselves believe and teach the old historic faith would also insist that every dollar of their money and every effort of their cooperative service should be spent to propagate the same gospel abroad which they believe and cherish at home.

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