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"SPECIAL GRAND RAPIDS ISSUE"

ON TO GRAND RAPIDS

ANNUAL MEETING, WEALTHY STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, APRIL 30 TO MAY 2

Tremendous interest is centering in the annual meeting of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, to be held in the Wealthy Street Baptist Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 30 to May 2.

Almost every mail brings news of hosts of Baptists from North, South, East and West, who are planning on attending the Grand Rapids meeting. Even old, staid, conservative New England is reporting great interest in the movement known as the Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and a large number will be present from that section. California is sure to be represented by a large and enthusiastic delegation. Practically every State between Maine and California is expressing a keen interest and Grand Rapids is going to be full of old fashioned Baptists.

A strong program has been arranged, with plenty of time allowed for discussion, and everybody will have an opportunity to express themselves.

Let it be known that the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the United States is a fellowship movement among Baptists, who can no longer find a free fellowship in the Northern Baptist Convention and its subsidiary organizations. The fellowship of the Association is made up of churches who are either actually or nominally separated from the old Conventions. According to the present Constitution a church may fellowship with the Association without voting to withdraw fellowship from the old Convention circles, but it ought to be frankly and honestly said, that no Baptist or no Baptist church who still feels perfectly at home in the Modernistic atmosphere of the old Conventions, would feel very much at home in a meeting of the Association of Regular Baptists. Distinctly, primarily, and fundamentally, this Association is a fellowship of Baptists who have lost all heart in the fellowship provided by the Northern Baptist Convention.

Let everybody know that the Association is determined to reduce machinery and organization to the minimum, and to increase fellowship to the maximum.

PROGRAM HIGH-LIGHTS

The program opens officially at 2 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, April 30, and will continue as outlined elsewhere in this issue. However, a great preliminary fellowship will be held on Monday night, April 29. There are five Regular Baptist Churches in Grand

Rapids affiliated with this Association, and under their auspices the Baptists of the Grand Rapids area, together with all who may be arriving for the Association meeting a little ahead of time, will enjoy a great time of fellowship, prayer and inspiration in the great auditorium of Wealthy Street Church, Monday night at 7:30.

Dr. R. T. Ketcham, President of the Association, will bring the message on this occasion and a great time of blessing is expected.

On Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock, continuing until noon, a two hour prayer, praise and inspirational service will be conducted in one of the large chapel rooms of Wealthy Street Church, for the benefit of early arrivals. This two-hour period will be in charge of Rev. Gerard Knol, Pastor of one of the entertaining Grand Rapids churches. It will be worth the effort of delegates to be in Grand Rapids in time for this morning, to spend these two hours in a time of waiting upon God, and fellowshiping with one another.

The program itself has been so arranged as to be somewhat elastic to provide for unforeseen emergencies, and also to have plenty of time for discussion or the presentation of visiting speakers, from whom the Association would like to hear. Very little routine business will be conducted, practically all the time being given to the main business in hand, namely, the fellowship of old fashioned Baptists in the presence and power of the Holy Spirit.

We have just received word that Dr. J. Frank Norris may find it possible to spend some time at the Grand Rapids meeting. If this proves to be the case, the Association will have the privilege of listening to one of Dr. Norris' great messages. Dr. Norris has been exceedingly gracious in turning over unlimited space to us in his paper the "Fundamentalist" for the advertising and propagating of the Grand Rapids meeting, and we are sure everyone will be glad to receive a message from this fraternal brother from the South.

The scheduled program is as follows:

MONDAY, April 29

7:30 P. M. Great inspirational service.

TUESDAY, April 30

10:00 A. M. Prayer and conference of early arrivals. Conducted by Rev. Gerard Knol, Grand Rapids.

2:00 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Harlie G. Stevick, Elyria, Ohio.

2:30 P. M. Address of welcome from the Wealthy Street Church. Rev. David Otis Fuller, Pastor.

3:00 P. M. Address of welcome from the Grand Rapids Association of Regular Baptists, Rev. C. E. Wood, Moderator.

3:30 P. M. Appointment of committees.

3:45 P. M. Address. Dr. Howard C. Fulton, Belden Avenue Baptist Church, Chicago.

7:30 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.

7:45 P. M. Address. Rev. A. G. Annette, Grundy Center, Iowa.

8:25 P. M. Offering and announcements.

8:40 P. M. Address. Dr. H. O. Van Gilder, Baptist Temple, Portsmouth, O.

WEDNESDAY, May 1

9:00 A. M. Morning prayer. Conducted by Rev. Ford Porter, Princeton, Ind.

9:45 A. M. Service of song. Mr. Stevick.

10:00 A. M. Address. Co-operative Baptist Missions of North America. Rev. M. E. Hawkins, President. Mishawaka, Indiana.

11:00 A. M. Address. Association of Baptists for Evangelism in the Orient. Rev. Harold T. Commons, Johnson City, N. Y.

2:00 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.

2:20 P. M. Report of Nominating Committee.

2:30 P. M. Address. Orthodox Baptist Missions. Dr. C. P. Stealey, Oklahoma City, Okla.

3:20 P. M. Offering and announcements.

3:30 P. M. Introduction of, and messages from visiting missionaries.

7:30 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.

8:00 P. M. Address. Rev. Jay J. Pease, Loomis Park Baptist Church, Jackson, Mich.

8:30 P. M. Offering and announcements.

8:40 P. M. Address. Dr. W. Lee Rector, First Orthodox Baptist Church, Ardmore, Okla.

THURSDAY, May 2

9:00 A. M. Morning prayer. Conducted by Rev. D. J. Dunkin, First Baptist Church, Elkhart, Indiana.

9:45 A. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.

10:00 A. M. Election of officers, and business.

11:00 A. M. Address. The Interstate

- Evangelistic Association. Rev. Harold Strathearn, Rochester, N. Y.
- 2:00 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.
- 2:20 P. M. Address. Dr. William A. Matthews. President Los Angeles Theological Seminary, Los Angeles, Calif.
- 3:20 P. M. Offering and announcements.
- 3:30 P. M. Address. Dr. W. Lee Rector. Ardmore, Okla.
- 7:30 P. M. Service of song and praise. Mr. Stevick.
- 7:45 P. M. Old fashioned Baptist meeting.
- 8:20 P. M. Offering and announcements.
- 8:30 P. M. Closing address. Dr. R. T. Ketcham, Central Baptist Church, Gary, Indiana.

ENTERTAINMENT AT GRAND RAPIDS

There are five Regular Baptist Churches in Grand Rapids, which are doing all in their power to provide entertainment and meals for those planning to attend the meeting of the Association. These churches are as follows: Wealthy Street Baptist Church, Rev. David Otis Fuller, pastor; The Berean Baptist Church, Rev. C. E. Wood, pastor; Calvary Baptist, Rev. William Headley, pastor; Lake Drive Baptist, Rev. Gerald Knol, pastor; Second Baptist, Rev. I. Van Westenbrugge, pastor. It is hoped that these five churches will be able to provide free lodging each night, and breakfasts each morning for approximately 220 or 250 messengers. This number can be added to by turning some of the church rooms into dormitories. The noon and evening meals will be served in the dining room of the Wealthy Street Church, and approximately 350 can be served at each meal.

The plan is that the dining room be reserved for out of the city guests. During each of these meals served at the church an announcement will be made as to the pro rata cost of the meal. An offering box will then be passed, and those who can, may deposit the price of the meal, and those who cannot are just as welcome. There will be many who can give more than their share, and thus make it possible for a number of Baptists to enjoy the Grand Rapids meeting who could not otherwise do so.

In addition to this entertainment, arrangements are being made to list a number of non-Baptist homes in the immediate vicinity of the church where rooms can be had for fifty cents a night. The ladies of the Grand Rapids churches will then serve free breakfasts in the church dining room.

Special hotel rates have been secured at the Hotel Browning. For rooms with bath, occupied by four, \$1.25 each; or double rooms for the same price.

There is no way of knowing how many people are going to be in Grand Rapids. The indications are that there will be a mighty host. We would, therefore, suggest that the free accommodations in Baptist homes be not taken by messengers who can well afford the fifty cents fee in non-Baptist homes. If, when the messengers have all arrived, it is found that there is plenty of entertainment accommodations then, naturally, the Grand Rapids hosts will expect to have their ac-

commodations used to the limit. The point we are now making, however, is that the free accommodations should not be entirely taken up by those who could possibly afford the non-Baptist homes, or the hotels, and thus make it impossible for some other person to attend, who can only do so on the basis of free entertainment.

It would be of considerable assistance to the Registration Committee and to the entertaining churches, if those who are planning on attending, would send in their reservations ahead of time, stating which class of entertainment you prefer. Address such communications to Rev. David Otis Fuller, Wealthy Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Mich.

GREAT FELLOWSHIP AT MEMPHIS

An ever-increasing interest is being manifested in the great ten-day Baptist gathering at Memphis, Tennessee, May 5 to 14. Dr. W. Lee Rector, of Ardmore, Oklahoma, is leading the Orthodox forces of the great Southland in a ten-day meeting of Bible study and fellowship. A large theater in the heart of Memphis has been secured, and an interesting program has been arranged. Ten studies in missions will be given by Dr. C. P. Stealey, five studies in Prophecy will be given by Dr. A. Riley Copeland; five studies in the first chapter of Genesis and five studies in the sixth chapter of Ephesians will be given by Dr. R. T. Ketcham; five studies in Church Types in the Old Testament will be given by Dr. Dan B. Clapp; five studies in Bible Doctrine will be given by Dr. H. C. Fulton; ten great evangelistic messages by Dr. J. Frank Norris; five studies in the Book of Galatians by Dr. L. S. Ballard; five studies in the Book of Philippians by Dr. H. O. Van Gilder; five studies in the Book of Acts by Dr. W. Lee Rector; thirty devotional messages by men who will be selected from those in attendance.

This will be a truly great and epochal meeting of Orthodox Baptists.

CREDENTIALS

We would again call attention to the provisions of Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution which provides for voting power in the Association. Under the present provision of the Constitution, no individual can exercise voting privileges unless the church of which he is a member has complied with the provisions of this Article.

This does not mean, of course, that individuals whose churches have not definitely placed fellowship with the Association cannot attend, and enjoy the sessions. Whether your church may have taken this definite action or not, you are more than welcome, and urged to come to Grand Rapids. The only restriction is in the matter of actual voting.

Article IV, Section 3 provides that every church in fellowship with the Association shall designate one of its group of messengers to act as a member of the nominating committee. This provision should not be overlooked by the churches in fellowship with the Association. Elsewhere in this issue will be found a sample suggested credentials blank. If the church so desires this actual blank can be cut out and used.

CONSTITUTION, BY-LAWS AND ARTICLES OF FAITH

Of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches

ARTICLE I—NAME

General Association of Regular Baptist Churches.

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

To spread the Gospel, advance Missionary enterprises, do Evangelistic work, provide fellowship for Baptist Churches.

ARTICLE III—MEETINGS

Section 1. A meeting of the Association shall be held annually for the transaction of business and the election of officers at a date and place to be fixed by the Executive Committee with due regard for invitations and geographic distribution.

ARTICLE IV

FELLOWSHIP AND VOTING PRIVILEGES

Section 1. Any Baptist Church in the United States which subscribes to our Constitution and Confession of Faith, contained herein, and signifies in writing its desire to find fellowship with the Association, may upon such written application be received by a majority vote of the Association. Such application shall be presented to the Secretary of the Association. Each Church shall be entitled to send messengers to the annual meetings on a representative basis as follows: Three messengers for the first one hundred members or fraction thereof; and two messengers for each additional one hundred members or fraction thereof. 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 2. No salaried servant of the Association shall be entitled to vote.

ARTICLE V

OFFICERS AND THEIR ELECTION

Section 1. The officers of the Association shall consist of a President, a First Vice-President, a Vice-President from each State represented, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and the Chairmen of Standing Committees. These, together with the Editor of the Official Organ, shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 2. All officers and standing committees shall be elected by ballot, except the Secretary, the Treasurer, and the Editor of the official organ, who shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Section 3. Each Baptist Church in fellowship with the Association shall send credentials with each messenger and shall designate one of its messengers as a member of the nominating committee.

Section 4. The nominating committee shall present its report at least one session in advance of the meeting for election.

Section 5. In recognition of the direct guidance of the Holy Spirit opportunity shall be given for additional nominations to be made from the floor of the Association. The nominating committees shall exercise regard for general representation in making its recommendations.

ARTICLE VI COMMITTEES

Section 1. COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS. A committee on Missions consisting of at

least seven members shall be elected in accordance with Article V, Section 2.

The Missionary Committee shall select two of its members as official representatives to the Council of each Baptist Missionary Agency which is approved by the Committee, providing such Agency is agreeable to such an arrangement.

The Missionary Committee shall investigate all Baptist Missions making application for recognition and if satisfactory in doctrine and practice shall place them upon the approved list.

The Missionary Committee shall promote vital interest in Missions, missionaries and mission fields, and shall seek to establish contacts between the Churches and all approved missionary Agencies.

Section 2. EXCHANGE COMMITTEE. The work of the Committee on Exchange is to provide a medium of contact between vacant Churches and unemployed Pastors in the following manner:

The chairman shall keep on file an up-to-date list of unemployed Pastors and vacant Churches who file such information with the Committee, and upon request will provide these lists to interested parties without a recommendation.

Section 3. THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE. The Program Committee shall consist of President, First Vice-President, Secretary, Chairman of Missions, and the Pastor of the entertaining Church. This Committee shall provide for one day to be devoted to Missionary interests.

Section 4. PUBLICATION COMMITTEE. The Publication Committee shall be charged with the publication and circulation of the official organ, and any other literature conforming to our principles.

Section 5. The Association shall have power to create new Committees when such become necessary.

ARTICLE VII AMENDMENTS

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

BY-LAWS

I. All standing committees shall consist of three members, except the committee on Missions which shall have at least seven members.

II. The President shall, during the opening session of any annual meeting, appoint the following special committees;

(a) Committee on Arrangements, consisting of three members, whose duty it shall be to arrange the order of business to come before the Association.

(b) Committee of Tellers, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to count all ballots whenever a vote is taken.

(c) An Enrollment Committee, consisting of five members, whose duty it shall be to examine credentials of all messengers and certify that all messengers and nominees have signed the Constitution and Articles of Faith.

III. The Executive Committee shall meet at the call of the chair or any five members of the Executive Committee. It shall have full power to fill any vacancy that may occur among its officers during the year, and

transact any business legitimately belonging or in any way pertaining to it; but it shall in no wise appoint any person who has not subscribed to the Constitution and Articles of Faith.

IV. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Secretary subject to the ratification of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall determine the rate of his remuneration. The Secretary shall make and preserve a faithful record of the proceedings of the Annual meeting of the Association and of the Executive Committee, receive all applications for aid, and all reports and letters pertaining to the business of the Committee which he shall lay before the Committee, and afterwards file and preserve them in his office for the future use of the Committee if necessary. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Committee according to its instructions and the exercise of his best judgment, and hand over to his successor all property in his possession pertaining to the office.

V. The Executive Committee shall appoint the Treasurer subject to the ratification of the Annual Meeting of the Association, and shall determine the rate of his remuneration. The Treasurer shall deposit all monies in the bank selected by the Executive Committee, and shall keep an accurate account of all funds entrusted to him in behalf of the Association and shall disburse such funds only by order of the Executive Committee. He shall report to the Committee quarterly, or oftener if required, and give a full report at the end of each financial year. The annual report before presentation to the Annual Meeting of the Association shall be audited by a public accountant whose duty it shall be to examine the Treasurer's accounts and vouchers for the payments of monies and to certify to their correctness. The Treasurer shall, at the expense of the Association give the usual bond.

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 1:19-21.

II. OF THE TRUE GOD

We believe there is one, and only one, living and true God, and infinite, intelligent Spirit, 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.

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; equal 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 His is the agent in the New Birth; that He seals, baptizes, 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. 3:10-19; Rom. 1:18; Rom. 1:32.

VII. OF THE VIRGIN BIRTH

We believe that Jesus Christ 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 received 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 His 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 righteousness which we have done; but solely through faith in the redeemer's blood, His righteousness is imputed into 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 from the interference 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 every church is the sole judge of the measure and method 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 prerequisite 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. 3:17-18.

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 2:29-30.

(h) The Millennial Reign.

I Cor. 15:25; Isa. 32:1; Isa. 11:4-5; Psa. 72:8; Rev. 20:14; Rev. 20:6.

OUR FINANCIAL POLICY

By Rev. R. F. Hamilton, Secretary-Treasurer

Up to the present hour we have adhered to the policy of incurring no debts for the Association other than those absolutely necessary and minor. Occasionally we have been a few dollars behind, but never so far but that we could have covered the few small bills personally if necessary. We have been operating the office and publications wholly on the free-will offering plan. Perhaps you have been aware that the "Baptist Bulletin" has not been coming regularly to you during the past year. Our policy has been to go to press with each issue only when we were assured of having sufficient money to pay for it; and under no circumstances do we go to press with a second issue until the first is paid for. Had it not been for the faithfulness of a few churches who have sent in their contributions regularly, we would scarcely have been able to go to press with a single issue. We believe, however, that as our churches are informed as to our need and plan of operation they will respond more heartily. The Association pays no salaries; all monies received go directly into the work, such as the publication of the "Baptist Bulletin" and minor office expenses, or elsewhere as designated by the donor.

We want you to understand, however, that we are not discouraged by the financial response of the past year. We readily realize that this organization is yet in the pioneer stages, and we fully expect to "crawl along" for even a while longer, until we are much more fully developed. In fact, the response from churches all over the land during the past few weeks has caused our hearts to rejoice and feel assured that it won't be long before we shall be able to "lengthen our cords, and strengthen our stakes."

We trust that the day shall never come when time must be given at any of our conventions,—or space in our publications for lengthy appeals for money. We had enough of that in the "old days." May we always continue to operate on the faith basis, for our God is able.

SUGGESTED CREDENTIALS BLANK

REV. R. F. HAMILTON, Secretary,
General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in the United States,
529 Jefferson St., Gary, Indiana.

Dear Brother Hamilton: Please be advised that the _____ Church of _____, hereby approve the Articles of Faith and Constitution of the Association, and express their desire to be considered in fellowship with the same.

Signed _____

Official Position _____

CREDENTIALS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Dear Brother: Please be advised that (Mr.; Mrs.) _____ has been duly authorized by the _____ Church of _____, to act as a member of the Nominating Committee.

Signed _____