

THE ORGANIZATION.

Accordingly on the fifth day of August, 1747, these brethren and sisters met and resolved to become and be a Regular Baptist Church. They adopted and signed a solemn covenant. Some of the terms of which were, that they humbly accepted Jesus Christ as High Priest, Lawgiver and Savior. That they trusted implicitly and only in his atoning blood and sovereign grace for Salvation—that they would walk together in all holiness, godliness, humility and brotherly love—that they would watch over one another for good—that they would pray with and for one another and for the church—that they would bear one another's burdens, bear with one another's weaknesses as Christ had enjoined and set the example—that they would strive together for the truth of the gospel, and to observe and guard the ordinances in their purity, and would give according to their ability to maintain the Cause of the Master.

Thus the church was organized by these our honored forefathers upon the true foundation, Jesus Christ himself being the chief Corner Stone, and every distinguishing characteristic of our denomination separately referred to in the Covenant Compact. Surely if any people have reason to rejoice in the inheritance left by the forefathers, we may thank God, that the Constituent members of our Zion occupied no compromising ground, and blew no uncertain blast, concerning either the doctrines or practices of the christian church.

These constituent members have all long since passed away, but many of their descendants and the families they represent are still among us, honored and respected members of the community.