

*Questions to the Candidate.*

And does the brother Jacob Davis heartily and freely accept the request of this church?

Do you receive them as the flock of God, as persons committed to your care and inspection?

Do you feel love for them, and cherish them as a Christian shepherd ought to love his flock?

Do you look on yourself and on this obligation, according to the nature of this engagement, to answer all their religious requests, as far as your ability will admit?

Have you entire freedom to administer the ordinances of God to them as a church of God, to pray with them and for them, and endeavor to build them up in the faith?

Is it your desire and prayer, from this time forward, as far as God shall enable you, to be exemplary to them in life and doctrine, according to the word of God?

Do you now give up yourself to the Lord, and to them by the will of God, to be their pastor and teacher?

If so, lift up your hand.

*Charge Given.*

Brothor Davis, I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, that thou take the charge of the church of God dwelling at Shrewsbury. Preach the word in and amongst them; be instant in season and out of season; administer the holy ordinances amongst them; exhort and rebuke with all long suffering and patience, with meekness and humility of mind, as thou shalt answer the same, when thou shalt give up thy account to God, at his appearing and kingdom. Amen.

The church of which Mr. Davis was ordained pastor, removed in a body, excepting a few families, September, 1789, he having then been their administrator fourteen years. He went with them, and still continued their minister. They stopped a short time in Fayette County, Pa., generally known as the Red Stone Country. They finally settled with their pastor in New Salem, Harrison County, Va., where their descendants now live.

In 1793, Eld Davis went to Fayette County on a preaching tour, and while there he was taken sick, and on the 17th of July he fell asleep in Christ, and was buried at Woodbridgetown, where the Seventh-day Baptist meeting-house now stands. Mr. Davis was considered a devoted man, and an able minister of Jesus Christ, much given up to the work to which his Lord had called him. His travels were quite extensive, considering the state of the country at that time. After removing West, he often passed from settlement to settlement on foot, with a pack upon his back, and preached where opportunity offered, often in the open air, to large congregations.

To the Natur  
To Answer all  
Ability will  
Administer  
Church of God  
Endeavour to  
Desire and p  
as God shall  
in Life, and  
Now Give up  
By The will  
If So Left up  
Brother D  
Lord Jesus Ch  
Church of G  
God in and  
Out of Seas  
Them Exhort  
Patience wil  
shall And  
give up to  
And Being  
February  
Harrison Co

To the Nature of This ~~Engagement~~ Engagement  
 To Answer all their Religious Request as far as your  
 Ability will admit Have You Entire Freedom to  
 Administer the Ordinances of God to Them as to a  
 Church of God To pray with them and for them and  
 Endeavour to Build them up in the faith is it your  
 Desire and prayers for this Time forward as far  
 as God shall Enable you to be Exemplary to them  
 in Life and Doctrine according to The word of God do you  
 Now Give Up your self To the Lord and To them  
 By The will of God to be their Pasture and Teacher  
 If So Left up your

The Substance of The Charge given to  
 Bro Jacob Davis

Brother Davis I Charge thee Before God and the  
 Lord Jesus Christ That Thou Take Charge of the  
 Church of Christ Dwelling at Shrewsbury Preach the  
 Word in and Amongst them be instant in Season and  
 Out of Season Administer the Holy Ordinances amongst  
 them Exhort and Rebuke with all long suffering and  
 Patience with Meekness and humility of mind as thou  
 shalt Answer the same When thou shalt be  
 give up thy Account to God at his Appearance  
 and Kingdom Ordained by Elder Jonathan Burham and  
 Elder Jonathan German  
 February the 27th 1773 Lebalon Maxson Nathan  
 Maxson William Maxson William Davis John Davis  
 Was baptized and Received into This Church by  
 Elder Jonathan

Mar  
 How  
 Coun  
 Shou  
 Shou  
 Tobu  
 ord  
 Bra  
 Whic  
 Thir  
 at t  
 To l  
 Tot  
 pro  
 We  
 We  
 at  
 The  
 of  
 of  
 of  
 of