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# PROCEEDINGS

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Minutes of the 67th Annual Session of the Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association, which convened with the McNairy Hill U. P. B. Church at Bethlehem Center, corner, 15th Avenue, North, and Cedar Street, of whom the Moderator of this great and grand Association is pastor in the person of Rev. H. Butler.

## **Saturday—Morning Session**

Services were called to order at 11:40 a. m. by Rev. S. Waddy, pastor of the Belle Meade, White Springs and Mt. Ora United P. B. Churches. Then our Moderator read for Scripture lesson, 12th Chapter of Duet. Vocational exercise by Rev. A. Stratton, who was heretofore appointed alternate, who was present and made his loving obedience—sang this song; 'The Lord My Shepherd is,' and his petition to the throne of grace was deeply felt. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. R. W. Mann, of St. Louis, Mo., who was heretofore appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon. He made a loving obedience and sang this song, 'I Love My Savior God Because He First Loved Me.' Chose for a text from the 1st and 2nd chapter of Paul to Timothy stating this: Therefore ye are no more foreigners and strangers, and according to the power vested in him he preached a wonderful sermon, full of logic and power. Then our Moderator congratulated the wonderful introduction. Then the Financial Committee began to lift the offering and the Elders and Deacons and licential ministers. Elders, 25c; licential ministers, 15c; deacons, 10c. So both offering and taxation totaled \$5.75. Then all the Elders and delegates retired to the Business House on 12th Ave., at the McNairy Hill United P. B. House of Worship, of whom our Moderator is pastor, in the person of Rev. H. Butler.

## **Saturday—Evening Session**

Services were called to order by our Spokesman, Rev. Joel Holland. Scripture reading by our Moderator from 13th chapter of 1st Cor., and vocational exercise by Rev. Rufus Owens, Chicago, Ill., pastor of the Ever Green United P. B. Church. Song, 'Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill,' and his petition to the throne of grace was deeply felt among the saints of God. Then the House was declared open and ready for any such business should regular come before it. First in order was the reading of the Rules of Decorum which was so carefully read by our Assistant Clerk, Deacon

Chas. Bennett. Next, it was moved, seconded, and received. Next was the roll of delegates from the different churches in routine in order that we could move all obstacles out of our way. In so doing we can solicit some on each committee.

#### Churches and Their Delegates

- 1 St. James—Dan Stribbon and W. L. Polk.
- 2 White Springs—Harding Webster.
- 3 McNairy Hill—Chas. Bennett, M. Slater and Geo. Washington.
- 4 Bethlehem—L. Caldwell.
- 5 St. Mark—H. Harlin and R. Renfro.
- 6 Flint Valley—A. Alley.
- 7 Fountain Creek—Luther Bellefant.
- 8 St. Eli—L. Couch.
- 9 Gilmore Hill—Albert Sandusky.
- 10 Belle Meade—W. McGavock.
- 11 St. Paul—Jno. Butler and Jno. Harris.
- 12 Old Zion—A. Stratton.
- 13 Sweet Leaf—M. Ridley.
- 14 Providence—H. McCullum.
- 15 Morgan Chapel—T. Stratton.
- 16 Walnut Grove—P. W. Clark.
- 17 Wesley Chapel—W. Weis.
- 18 Central Baptist—T. L. Blair.
- 19 Little Flock Baptist—R. Winkfield.
- 20 Clifton Avenue Baptist—H. Robinson.
- 21 Mt. Hebron—Sam Pillows.
- 22 St. Matthew—H. Robinson.
- 23 Willis Chapel—M. Jennings.
- 24 St. James Jr.—Jas. Marshel.
- 25 St. Boston—H. Robinson.
- 26 St. Long—
- 27 Mt. Bethel—Joel Holland.
- 28 St. Lee—
- 29 St. Douglas Olivet—A. Thompson.
- 30 Rocky Glade—H. Anderson.
- 31 Mt. Teamon—George Davis.
- 32 Hope Well—R. Jordan.
- 33 Macedonia—W. Wess.
- 34 Thompson Chapel—S. D. McMeens.
- 35 Shiloh Baptist—Jno. Terrell.
- 36 Mt. Ora—S. Waddy.
- 37 Slate Creek—Paul Bass and T. L. Cheatham.
- 38 St. John Union—M. C. Gooch.
- 39 St. Mark Jr.—M. Jennings.
- 40 St. Elizabeth—H. Buford.
- 41 Big Harpeth—John Bradley.
- 42 New Hope—Jas. Shepherd.



- 43 Mt. Zion—  
 44 Hurricane Creek—  
 45 Ever Green—R. Jordan.  
 46 Slater Chapel—D. C. Buntin.

### Election of Officers

Next in order was to elect a Permanent Moderator. It was moved and seconded that Rev. H. Butler be the Moderator for the next ensuing year. Next, was for a Permanent Clerk. It was moved and seconded that Rev. F. H. Gordon be the Permanent Clerk of this Association for the next ensuing year. It was moved and seconded that Deacon Chas. Bennett be Assistant Clerk for the next ensuing year. It was then moved and seconded that Rev. Joel Holland be the Spokesman of this Association for the next ensuing year. It was also moved and seconded that H. Harlin be Treasurer for the next ensuing year. Next was the report of the treasury by the Treasurer of whom is Deacon H. Harlin. Stated in treasure \$302.13.

Next order of business was Committee on Correspondence: Rev. E. Hamilton, Chairman, Rev. J. Shepherd, Rev. M. Ridley.

Next, Committee on Arrangements: Rev. S. Bryant, Chairman, Rev. S. Waddy, Rev. H. McCullum.

Next, Committee on Special Business: Rev. Wm. Sneed, Chairman; Deacon W. McGavock, Deacon R. Jordan, A. Stratton, and R. W. Mann.

Next, Committee of Finance: A. Alley, H. Robinson, and Geo. Washington.

Next, Committee on Ordination. Rev. D. C. Buntin, Chairman; Rev. S. D. McMeens, R. Winkfield, Dan Stribbons, Sam Pillows.

The Committee on Correspondence made their report as follows: Rev. A. Jennings of Ironside Association, Rev. Wm. Wilson, Moderator of Lin Creek Association, Rev. Thos. Smith, of the Running Water and Flint River Combined, and Rev. Z. W. Hill, Cumberland Association Moderator, Rev. T. R. Griffin, of the Indian Creek Association.

Next in order our entire delegation extended the right-hand of fellowship under the impression of a gospel hymn like this—'A Charge To Keep I Have.' Then the Committee on Arrangements made their report as follows: Rev. T. M. Smith of Running Water and Flint River Combined and Rev. A. Jennings of the Ironside Association for Saturday night, 7:30 P. M. Rev. Wm. Wilson of Lin Creek Association and Rev. H. McCullum of Big Harpeth Association, for Sunday morning 11 A. M. Rev. Theodore Griffin of Indian Creek Association and Rev. S. Waddy of the Big Harpeth Association, 3 P. M., and Rev. Z. W. Hill of the Cumberland Association and Rev. S. D. McMeens of the Big Harpeth Association, for Sunday night at 7:30 P. M.

We received \$6.50 from Bro. Coleman on lumber. We received \$3.25 of Saturday evening collection of the Licential

Preachers. Then we adjourned to meet back at the Business House Monday morning 7:30.

#### Saturday—Night Session

After returning from the House of Business, services began with the officials 7:33 P. M. House called to order by our Spokesman, Rev. Joel Holland. Scripture by the Moderator. Vocational exercise by Rev. E. Bailey, from Columbia, Tenn. Song—'Go Preach My Gospel Saith the Lord,' and his petition to the throne of grace was deeply felt. Then the moderator introduced the wonderful pastor of Capers Chapel, in the person of Rev. Hollis, who spoke a cordial welcome to this grand association, 'to all delegates and to all messengers—not only to Nashville, but to his Grand House of Worship. Then our Spokesman joined upon Rev. T. M. Smith, from the Running Water and Flint River Association Combined—sang, 'Father I Stretch My Hand To Thee;' and chose for text from the 1st chapter of Paul to 2nd Timothy and 2nd verse, stating this: "Preach the word" and according to the power vested in him of God he preached a wonderful sermon, full of logic and power. Then our Spokesman introduced Rev. A. Jennings, Spokesman of the Ironside Association—song, 'The Evening Sun is Almost Down;' chose for a text from Luke 5th, 16th verse stating this: 'Jesus teaching the people,'—subject is "Launch out a little further," and according to the power God had vested in him, he preached a wonderful sermon full of logic and power. Then the Committee on Finance began to lift the offering and succeeded in collecting \$6.40; total for the day \$35.40. Then Rev. S. Bryant, chairman of Committee on Arrangement made announcements for Sunday—morning, 11 A. M., Rev. Willie Wilson, Moderator of Lin Creek Primitive Baptist Association and Rev. H. McCullum of Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association. At 3 P. M., Rev. Theodore Griffin of Indian Creek Association and Rev. S. Waddy of Big Harpeth. 7 P. M. Rev. Z. W. Hill, Moderator of Cumberland Association and Rev. S. D. McMeens of Big Harpeth Association, who resides in Chicago, Ill., our former moderator's son, Rev. Levi McMeens, at 7:30 P. M.,

#### Sunday—Morning Session

Services were called to order at 11:30 A. M. by the Moderator, reading the 148th Psalms, after which the Spokesman Rev. Joel Holland called upon Rev. E. Hamilton for vocational exercise. Song 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand,' and his petition to the throne of grace was deeply felt. Then the Moderator put the Finance Committee in action, who succeeded in collecting \$27.25. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. Wm. Wilson, Moderator of the Lin Creek Association. His obedience was lovely. Song, 'How Can I Sink With Such a Prop as My Eternal God,' chose for a text from Isaiah 45 and 13th verse; 'I have raised him up in righteousness, I will direct all of his ways,' and according to the power vested in him of God he preached a

noble sermon, full of logic and power, fully utilizing our abstract of principles—which is substantiated by the spirit and power of Almighty God. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. H. McCullum of Big Harpeth, who made a loving obedience. Song, 'Tis Faith Supports My Feeble Soul in Time of Deep Distress.' Chose for a text from the 6th Isaiah, 5th verse, stating this: 'Mine eyes have seen the Lord of host,' and according to the power God vested in him he preached a wonderful sermon, full of logic and power, worthy of the consideration of all mankind. Then our Spokesman announced for 3:30 P. M., the two speakers Rev. Theodore Griffin and Rev. S. Waddy. All were granted recess one hour for lunch by our Moderator.

#### Sunday—Evening Session

Service began at 3:50 P. M. Scripture reading by our Moderator, from 133rd and 134th Psalms of David. Devotional exercise by Rev. R. Winkfield from Indianapolis, Ind. Song, 'Amazing Grace How Sweet it Sounds.' His petition to the throne of grace was deeply felt among the saints. Then the Moderator put the Financial Committee in action, who succeeded in collecting \$10.31; totaling from the beginning \$45.71. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. Theodore Griffin, messenger from Indian Creek Association who made a loving obedience. Song, No. 240, 'He Died, the Mighty Saviour Died.' Chose for a text from the 19th John and 30th verse, reads this—It is finished. His principles dwelt upon, 'it is finished' and according to the power vested in him he preached a noble sermon, full of logic and power, worthy of all mankind's consideration. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. S. Waddy of Big Harpeth Association. Song—'How Strong Thy Arms Almighty God.' Chose for a text from the 5th Rev. and 12th verse; 'There was none found worthy.' According to the power vested in him he preached a noble sermon, full of logic and power. Then the Moderator announced recess one and one-half hour, and for all to return at 7:30 P. M.

#### Sunday—Night Session

Services began 7:18 P. M. Scripture by the Moderator, from the 136th Psalm. Devotional exercise by Rev. D. C. Buntin, of Chicago, Ill. Song, 'Before This Time Another Year,' and his petition to the throne of grace was most lovely and deeply felt. Then the Moderator put the Financial Committee in action who succeeded in collecting \$10.06. Total from our commencement \$55.77. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. Z. W. Hill, Moderator of the Cumberland Association, Song, 'Lord Teach Me How to Pray.' Chose for a text from the 119th Psalms and 89th verse, stating this—'Forever O Lord, Thy word is settled in heaven,' and according to the power vested in him he delivered a noble sermon, full of logic and power. Then our Moderator introduced Rev. S. D. McMeens of Chicago, Ill., who made a loving obedience. Song, 'The Day is Passed and

Gone.' Chose for a text from the 3rd Eccl. and 4th verse—'I know whatsoever God does is for ever,' and according to the power God vested in him, he preached a noble sermon full of logic and power. Then our Moderator gave orders for every delegate to meet at the Business House on 12th Ave., McNairy Hill United Primitive Baptist Church at 7 A. M. and all who fails without a lawful excuse is fined 50c.

### Monday—Morning Session

All delegates and officers met at the McNairy Hill United Primitive Baptist Church. Services were called to order at 8:21 A. M. by the Moderator. Scripture reading by the Moderator from the 10th chapter of St. Luke.

Then our Spokesman, Rev. Joel Holland, joins upon Rev. Jas. Shepherd, of Chicago, Ill., for devotional exercise. Song, 'Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill,' and his petition to the throne of grace was most lovely and deeply felt. Then the first act of business was the reading the Rules of the Decorum, which was carefully read by the Assistant Clerk, Deacon Chas. Bennett. The rules were received and adopted. Next was getting out the different committees and putting in their proper places. They received their charges from the Moderator.

Next the Committee on Arrangements made their report for Monday night 7:30. Rev. M. Ridley open with song and prayer. Preaching, Rev. Major Allen of Chicago, Ill., Rev. D. C. Buntin of Chicago, Ill., and Rev. H. Buford of Louisville, Ky. Closing by our Moderator, Rev. H. Butler. It was moved and seconded to excuse Rev. T. M. Smith, messenger from the Running Water and Flint River Association combined. There was a letter from Rev. Anderson Dinkins of St. Louis. It was received.

1st Committee on Correspondence: Rev. E. Hamilton, Chairman; Rev. Jas. Shepherd, Rev. M. Ridley.

2nd Committee on Arrangements: Rev. S. Bryant, Chairman, Rev. S. Waddy, Rev. H. McCullum.

3rd Committee on Special Business: Rev. Wm. Sneed, Chairman; Deacon W. McGavock, Deacon R. Jordon, Elder R. W. Mann, and Elder A. Stratton.

4th Committee on Finance: Deacon A. Alley, Deacon H. Robinson, Deacon, Geo. Washington.

5th Committee on Ordination: Elder D. C. Buntin, Chairman, Rev. S. D. McMeens, Rev. R. Winkfield, Deacon D. Stribbon, Deacon Sam Pillows.

Next was a corresponding letter read from the Lin Creek Association, identifying Rev. Wm. Wilson, Moderator of that grand association, their messenger. It was moved, seconded and carried. Then we began on our receipted churches.

**Monday—Evening Session**

After one hour for lunch and calling all of our receipted churches, there were two petitionary letters, from South Bend, Ind., by the hand of Rev. R. Winkfield by the name of Lake Chapel. It was received; and there was also one from Chattanooga, by the hand of Elder Calvin Elliot. It was received also by the name of Mt. Hebron, Jr. They both were received and given the right hand of fellowship.

Our Scripture lesson was read in concert lead by the Moderator from the 133rd Psalms and devotional exercise by Rev. Z. Bostic, Permanent Clerk of the Lin Creek Primitive Baptist Association. **Next, by the common consent of the brethren the Rules of The Decorum were omitted.**

Next the Financial Committee made their report.

General Expense .....	\$397.80
First .....	150.00
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Printing of Minutes .....	45.00
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Stamps and Wrapping .....	5.00
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Clerk Fee .....	25.00
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Moderator .....	25.00
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Spokesman Fee .....	20.00
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Finance Committee, (\$2.00 each) .....	6.00
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Our next Association will convene in Columbia, Tenn., on Saturday before the First Lord's day in September, 1934. It was moved and seconded that Rev. A. Stratton preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. Jas. Shepherd of Chicago, Ill., be the alternate. Our next Eccl. Council will be held with the St. Mark United Primitive Baptist Church, Spring Hill, Tenn., of whom Rev. H. McCullum, is pastor, on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in March 1934; and Rev. E. Hamilton preach the Introductory Sermon and Rev. R. Winkfield be his alternate.

It was moved and seconded that our spokesman Rev. Joel Holland be messenger to Lin Creek Association. It was moved

and seconded to allow him \$5.00 for expenses. It was moved and seconded that Rev. Timothy Stratton be messenger to the Cumberland Association and allow him \$3.00 for expense. It was moved and seconded that Rev. Joel Harland be messenger to the Ironside Association and allow him \$3.00 for expense. All these associations convenes in this month. It was moved and seconded that Rev. S. Waddy be messenger to the Indian Creek and allow him \$10.00. It was moved and seconded that we correspond with the Running Water and Flint River Combined Association by mail and minutes. Rev. Wm. Wilson and three more messengers were donated to \$2.50 each; totaling \$10.00. It was voted and carried to receive Rev. W. Ross on condition. It was moved and seconded to hear from Bro. C. C. Adidister from Alabama. Then the Committee on Ordination made their report. They all agreed to give Parson Isom Townsen a trial for his ordination at the stand this night. He was from Indianapolis, Ind.

#### Monday—Night Session

Services began at the stadium, 7:26 P. M. Scripture reading by our Moderator from the 2nd chapter of Paul to 2nd Thessalonians. Devotional exercise by Rev. M. Ridley, of Louisville, Ky. Song, 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand,' and his petition to the throne of grace was most lovely. Then one candidate for Ordination by the name of Parson Isom Townsen. The Financial Committee succeeded in collecting \$16.36. Then our Moderator introduced our candidate, Parson Isom Townsen, from South Bend, Ind., allowing him 15 minutes. Song, 'Dark Was the Night, and Cold the Ground.' Chose for a text from the 5th Matt. 17th verse, reads this, 'I came not to destroy but to fulfill' and according as God vested in him, we judged that it be best to wait for a while longer. Attention was called upon Rev. H. Buford, from Louisville, Ky. Song, 'Amazing Grace How Sweet it Sounds.' Chose for a text from the 17th chapter of 1st King and 24th verse,—it states this: 'And now I know that you are a man of God,' and according to the power vested in him he preached a noble sermon. The next was Rev. D. C. Buntin of Chicago, Ill. Song, 'The Lord My Shepherd Is.' Chose for a text from the 25th Isaiah and 10th verse, reads: 'The ransom of the Lord shall return,' and he sure preached a wonderful sermon. Next, Rev. Major Allen, from Chicago, Ill. Song, 'Shall Wisdom Cry Aloud,' and chose for a text from the 6th chapter of St. John 8th verse, 'I am the bread of life.' He preached a noble sermon. Then announcements were made of our next Association in Columbia, Tenn., on Saturday before the 1st Lord's Day in September, 1934, at the White Springs United Primitive Baptist Church of whom Rev. Sam Waddy is pastor.

Benediction by the Moderator, Rev. H. Butler.

#### Work of the Local Preachers

As we the Elders, deacons and delegates retired to the Business House, we therefore left the business in the hands of

the Licential Ministers where we convened in the gymnasium of the Bethlehem Center, with Parson Mann Dawson, Moderator, and Parson Augie Foster, Clerk.

Service was called to order by Parson Dawson reading Scripture lesson from the 1st chapter of St. Luke. Song and prayer by Bro. Moore. Song, 'The Evening Sun is Almost Down.'

Preachers—Parson Kitchrel sang, 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand.' His text was found in the 3rd chapter of St. John, 3rd verse. After one sermon the offering was raised and the amount was \$3.25. Parson J. Watkins sang his choice, 'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sound.' His text was found in the 13th chapter of Job, 3rd verse. Parson E. Wade, sang his choice, 'Oh that I Knew Some Secret Place.' His text was found in the 3rd chapter and 2nd verse of Habakkuk. Parson J. Bradley, sang his choice, 'Jesus My King;' his text was found in the 12th chapter and 12th verse of Genesis. Parson A. Nelson sang his choice, 'Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill;' his text was found in the 9th chapter and 1st verse of Roman. Dismissed in order by Parson Dawson.

Monday morning, service was called to order at 11 o'clock by Parson Dawson reading the 11th chapter of St. John. Bro. A. Pointer was called to offer song and prayer. Singing his choice, 'Lord In the Morning Thou Shall Hear.' Parson Jas. Crutcher was called to the stand; his choice song was: 'This is the Union of the Lord.' His text was found in the 146th Psalms. Parson N. Willams was called to the stand, singing, 'Come Thou the Praise Abroad.' His text was found in the 12th chapter of St. Luke and the 9th verse; 'I have come to send fire.' Parson J. Southall sang his choice song: 'Am I a Soldier of the Cross.' His text was found in the 1st chapter of Titus, 2nd verse. Parson M. Brown was called to the stand singing his favorite song, 'Far as Thy Name is Known; his text was found in the 66th chapter and 5th verse of Isaiah. Parson T. Evans was called to the stand. He sang his choice song: 'Before Jehovah on His Throne.' His text was found in the 15th chapter and 8th verse of the Psalms of David. Parson Cheatham sang: 'I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.' His text was found in the 4th chapter of Rev. and 12th verse. The offering was \$6.27.

Monday evening service was opened by Parson Dawson, reading the Scripture lesson from the 4th chapter of 2nd Timothy. Deacon Chiden sang, 'And Must I be to Judgment Brought,' and offered words of prayer. Parson F. Wells sang: 'How Can I Sank With Such a Prop.' His text was found in the 15th chapter of St. Luke and 1st verse. Parson W. Spence sang: 'Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill.' His text was found in the 40th Psalms of David and 1st verse. Parson E. Hill sang, 'How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sound.' His text was found in the 3rd chapter of St. Matthews and 1st verse. Parson E. Howse sang, 'When I Can Read My Title Clear.' His text was found in the 3rd chapter of St. John, 14th verse. Parson E. Campbell sang, 'The Day

Is Passed and Gone.' His text was found in the 4th chapter of Daniel and 14th verse. Parson M. Dawson sang, 'On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand.' His text was found in the 4th chapter of St. John and 18th verse. Parson A. L. Foster sang, 'Lord What a Righteous Land is This.' His text was found in the 13th chapter of St. Luke, 30th verse. The offering was raised, amount was \$1.16.

#### List of Union Meetings For The Year 1934

1. St. James—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May Attended by Rev. Hamilton and Parson E. Foster.
2. McNairy Hill—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. R. W. Mann.
3. White Springs—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Raymond Garther, Parson Emmett Campbell.
4. Sweet Leaf—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. S. D. McMeens.
5. Providence—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. William Sneed.
6. Walnut Grove—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. Albert Jennings, Bro. Alf Mitchell.
7. St. Matthew—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in July. Attended by Rev. Sam Waddy.
8. Slate Creek—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by **Rev. Sam Waddy.**
9. Wesley Chapel—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in July. Attended by Rev. A. Robinson.
10. St. Douglas Olivet—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by —
11. Hopewell—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. H. Butler.
12. St. Mark Jr.—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. T. Griffin of Ensley, Ala.
13. St. Elizabeth—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. R. Winkfield.
14. Bethlehem—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Timothy Stratton.
15. Fountain Creek—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by **Rev. Albert Jennings.**
16. St. Paul—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Sam Waddy.
17. Central Baptist—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. H. Butler.
18. Rocky Glade—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Sam Waddy.
19. St. Boston—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July. Attended by Rev. H. McCullum.
20. Macedonia—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in July. Attended by —
21. Thompsons Chapel—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. R. Mann.



22. Morgan Chapel—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June. Attended by —
23. St. Mark—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by Parson E. Foster.
24. St. John—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. Sam Waddy.
25. Mt. Zion—Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in May. Attended by —
26. Clifton Ave. Baptist—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. H. McCullum.
27. Flint Valley—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Sam Bryant. --
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32. Big Harpeth—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Clark, Parson Evan.
33. Willis Chapel—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Hamilton.
34. Mt. Bethel—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. A. Stratton
35. Mt. Teamon—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in May. Attended by **Rev. Sam Waddy.**
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38. New Hope—Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July. Attended by —
39. Belle Meade—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. Wayman Gardner, Parson E. Foster.
40. Old Zion—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May. Attended by **Rev. Timothy Stratton.**
41. St. James, Jr.—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. H. McCullum.
42. Mt. Ora—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in June. Attended by —
43. Shiloh Baptist—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July. Attended by Rev. S. Waddy and Parson J. Southall.
44. Mt. Hebron—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. Hamilton.
45. Ever Green Baptist—Saturday before the 4th Sunday in May. Attended by Rev. H. McCullum.
46. Lake Chapel U. P. Baptist Church—Saturday before the 1st Sunday in June. Attended by Rev. Winkfield.
- Mt. Hebron Jr. U, P. Baptist. Church —

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**List Of Ordained Elders**

Elder H. Butler, Moderator	Elder Ellis Hamilton
Elder Jimmie Bellefant	Elder Porter Clark
Elder Samuel Bryant	Elder Joel Harlin
Elder A. Harlin, Spokesman	Elder W. Jennings
Elder S. Waddy	Elder E. Foster
Elder F. H. Z. Gordon, Permanent Clerk	Elder D. C. Buntin
Elder A. Booker	Elder M. Jennings
Elder H. McCullum	Elder S. D. McMeens
Elder A. Stratton	Elder Russell Mann
Elder R. Winkfield	Elder A. Robinson
Elder Wm. Sneed	Elder G. W. Abernathy
Elder W. Wess	Elder Bruce Orr
Elder Milton Ridley	Elder R. G. Alexander
Elder E. Bailey	Elder E. Wade
Elder Rufus Owens	Elder Timothy Stratton
	Elder Jas. Shepherd
	Elder S. D. Copeland

**List Of Licensed Preachers**

Parson Jas. Kittrel	Parson Johnie Bradley
Parson Fletcher Wells	Parson Walter Spence
Parson A. Nelson	Parson Mann Dawson
Parson J. H. Brake	Parson Emmett Campbell
Parson J. B. Boyd	Parson Manuel Brown
Parson Alfred Mitchel	Parson Augie Foster
Parson Elias Hill	Parson Jas. Crutcher
Parson Rufus Wells	Parson Jacob Southall
	Parson Chas. Mathews

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**A TRUE CHURCH COVENANT**

Carefully composed by Rev. Felix H. Gordan, Pastor of Shiloh Bapt. Church

Having been led by the spirit of God to receive the Lord Jesus Christ our Saviour, and on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Ghost, we do now in the presence of God and angels do most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another, as one body in Christ. We engage therefore, by the holy spirit to walk together in christian love, to strive for the advancement of the true church in knowledge and holiness and to give it a place in our affections, prayers and services above every organization of human origin to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine. To contribute cheerfully and regularly as God has prospered us, toward its expense for the support of a faithful and evangelistic ministry among us, the relief of the poor and the spread of the gospel throughout the world in case of difference of opinion in the churches. We will strive to avoid a contentious spirit and if we cannot unanimously agree; we will cheerfully rec-

ognize the right of the majority to govern. We also engage to maintain family devotion, to study diligently the words of God, to religiously educate our children to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintance. To walk circumspectly in the world; to be kind and just to all those whom God has given in our care and faithfully in the service, we promise others endeavoring in the purity of heart and good will toward all men to exemplify and commend our holy faith, we further engage to watch over, to pray for, to exhort and stir up each other unto every good word and work, to guard each others reputation, not needlessly exposing the infirmities of others, but to participate in each others joy and with tender sympathy bear one another's burdens and sorrows. To cultivate christian courtesy to be slow to give or take offense but be always ready for reconciliation, being mindful of the rules of our Saviour in the 18th chapter of St. Matt., to secure it without delay and through life amid evil report, and good report. To seek to live to the glory of God who has called us out of the darkness into His marvelous light and when we are rewarded out from this world we will unite in the church triumph above where the true covenant shall endure forever in the true principles of God's Son which is the pure word of God and enter into everlasting rest and be perfectly blessed and be in habitual communication with God to all eternity forever and ever. Amen.

By Rev. Felix H. Z. Gordon, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church,  
Permanent Clerk

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#### ROLL OF DECEASED ELDERS

Elder Jack McQuire, died September 15, 1877; Not dead but sleep in Jesus. Elder Alfred Williamson, died October 13, 1881; "The ransomed of the Lord shall return." Elder William Baker, died in 1881. And being an heir of God he is a joint heir of Jesus Christ." Elder Peter Nelson, died September, 1881; "The Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want." Elder Eli Grant, June, 1883; "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways before His works of old." Richard Mitchell, died August 5, 1899; "Who is he that cometh from Bozrah without the beginning of day or the ending of life;" Elder Jasper Clayton, died May, 1887; "I am a warrior, fight the good fight, of faith, lay hold on eternal life." Elder William Cannon, died Sept. 1886; "The Lord being true to his promises I shall not want." Minister Solomon Williams, died June 26, 1887; "The truth in Christ I lie not, my conscience also bears me witness in the Holy Ghost." Elder M. Evans, died October 15, 1892. Elder Thomas Williamson, died June 1893; "Not dead but asleep in Jesus, and when He appears in the second time he will bring all His saints with him." Elder Cornelius Wortham, died September 6, 1893; "The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want." Minister Barnes, died 1896; "He praised the Lord with singing sweet Psalms." Elder Ned Long, died October 12, 1899. "He that thirst let him come unto Me and drink, as the Scripture has said; "Out of His belly shall flow rivers of living water." Parson Cain Comike, died August 1902. Elder Edward Jordan, died February 4, 1897; "not dead but sleepeth in Jesus; who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to his own purpose and grace given us in Christ Jesus before the world began." Elder Kirkindol, died in June, 1897; "Not dead but

sleepeth in Jesus; he was a warrior, having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ." Minister William Floyd, died September 3, 1897; "Not dead but asleep in Jesus, and when He appears the second time he shall also appear with Him." Rev. S. Canady, died June, 1899; Brother Matt Walters departed this life on the fourth day of November, 1902; "I lead in the way of righteousness and in the path of judgment, that I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, and I will fill their treasures." Elder W. Rivers, departed from this life October, 1904; "The Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want." Parson Dennis Porter, departed this life December 9, 1904; "The Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want." Parson Sam Dunlap, departed this life August 23, 1905; "These are they that endured with me, temptations and I appoint unto you a kingdom as my Father has appointed unto me and ye shall sit with me at my table enthroned, helping to judge the twelve tribes of Israel."

Elder C. D. Dunson, died September 4, 1906. His subject, "For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate." Elder M. Boyd, died March 5, 1906. His subject, "Right blessed are the dead that dieth in the Lord." Parson Jack Stockard died 1906. His subject is very inspiring to the saints: "My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they will follow me." Elder James Mason, departed this life, "In the beginning was the word." Parson Joe Estes, departed this life. His subject, "Feed my sheep." Parson Oliver Humphery, departed this life February 20, 1907. His subject, "I was glad when they said let us go into the house of the Lord." Rev. T. Allen died April 23, 1907; His subject was, "Behold the day shall come that shall burn as an oven." Elder Archie Thompson, died December 15, 1907. "The Lord possessed me in the beginning of His ways." Elder C. H. Morgan, Moderator of the Big Harpeth Association, died August 29, 1908. "Behold the Lord your God will come." J. Linch, subject, 1st chapter of St. John: Elder N. Horton departed this life, July 27, 1909. Subject; "According as He has chosen us." Elder B. W. Abernathy and Elder J. L. Douglas died in 1909; Parson Green Alderson, died May 1910. Elder H. J. English, died December 29, 1910; not dead, but sleepeth. Subject; "But we speak the wisdom of God in mystery." 1st Corinthians 2nd chapter, 7th verse. Parson Frank Templar, Rev. Mose Bradley, died May 15, 1912. Rev. Martin Slaten, died April 3, 1914; last text: "He showed me a river of water as clear as a crystal." Parson Peter Morton died September 18, 1914. Parson Albert Scott, died February 13, 1914. The last text that Rev. B. W. Abernathy preached from was Isaiah 60th Chapter, "Arise and shine for the light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." Elder Floyd Gilliam, departed this life April 9th, 1914, text: "Has God cast away his people," Rom. 11:2. Elder J. W. McFall, died 1913; text: Hath God cast away his people whom he foreknew? Rev. Tom Mayes, text: We are no more strangers but fellow citizens. Parson John McKisic, departed this life August 16, 1926; "Not dead but asleep in Jesus." His last text: 5th book of Moses—"When things go well with you, think of me." Rev. Eddie Porter, departed this life July 19, 1927—last text, Job—"Where shall wisdom be found? Where is the place of understanding? Parson Henry Gassaway, departed this life August 8, 1927, "Not dead but asleep in Jesus." His last text, "I am he that liveth and were dead and behold I am alive forever more." 1st

Rev. 18th vs: Deacon Maniel Mason, departed this life August 14, 1927,

Rev. Sam Grim, departed this life Nov. 1922: Asleep in the arms of Jesus to rest from his labors and his works to follow him, farewell for a while. Deacon Jas. Harris departed this life 1923. He was a warrior in the faith of Jesus Christ. He believed in the Doctrine of the election that God saved his church in Christ before the foundations of the world. He is at rest. Deacon Annais Buford departed this life May 1923. He fell asleep in Jesus Christ to wait until Jesus then will appear with him in glory and ever be with him. Deacon John Grant departed this life Dec. 11, 1921: Now shall I sleep in the arms of Jesus and now will I rest from all of my works and toils: Farewell until we meet to part no more. Rev. Robt. Estelman departed this life Nov. 19, 1924. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His text was from the 43rd chapter of Isaiah—Remember the former things of old. Deacon Bramlett departed this life 1923: He was a valuable man in the Big Harpeth Association. He was among some of the first brethren who organized this association fifty-six years ago. He stood the test of this faith and proved faithful until death. According to the promises of the blessed Savior, he received a crown of life at that great day. . So farewell for a while until we shall meet again. Parson Richard Lewis departed this life Nov. 28, 1924. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His text was the 10th chapter of John and 27th verse: My sheep heareth my voice: Deacon Bedford Lewis departed this life Feb. 8, 1926. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He was a man of faith to his part, maintaining the supremacy of Israel. Rev. G. Thompson departed this life June 5, 1929. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text 9th chapter of Isaiah: Who will go for us and who shall we send. Rev. Levi McMeen our former Moderator departed this life Nov. 26, 1925. Not dead but sleeping in Christ; his song was "Shall Wisdom Cry Loud and Not a Speech be Heard;" his text was "Walk about in Zion and mock a well his bulwarks." Parson Sam Mitchell. Deacon Ben Dodson departed this life April 24, 1930. Meeting days first and third Sunday. Bro. Moses Short departed this life July 28, 1930. Not dead but asleep in Jesus; so sleep on and take your rest. Rev. S. Y. Douglas departed this life. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text was from 1st Eph. and 4th verse, 'according as he chose us himself before the foundation of the world. Deacon Joe Flemings departed this life June 1929. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. So sleep on little Joe and take your rest. Deacon Geo. Dunlap departed this life February 12, 1929. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. So rest on Bro. Geo. and take your rest, once for always we will all be there by and by. Deacon Andrew McKisic departed this life September 8, 1930. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. So take your rest Bro. Andrew for your first time—we will all be there by and by. Parson Joe McCoffer departed this life Jan 12, 1930. His last text: "Lord thou hath been our dwelling place in all generation." He is not dead but asleep in Jesus. So rest on once for always.

Rev. W. W. Jennings departed this life Jan. 25, 1931. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text was from the book of Isaiah—Judgment also will I lay to the line and the righteousness to the plumb and hail shall sweep away all the refuge of lies and the water shall overflow their hiding places. Deacon Sandy Gregory departed this life, July 23rd, 1920. Not dead but asleep in Jesus; so sleep on Brother Sandy and take your

rest until the dead in Christ shall rise. Deacon James Webster departed this life Jan. 14, 1927. Not dead but asleep in Jesus; so take your rest for always on the banks of true deliverance, where just men are made perfect. Deacon Sam Allerson departed May 16, 1930. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He was a good man and was faithful until death.

Deacon Washington Evans departed this life November 21, 1930. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He was a valuable man in the cause of Christ Jesus our Lord. Deacon Robt. Harris departed this life September 23, 1931. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He was true in his spiritual understanding and was faithful until death and has received his crown of life. Rev. Alex Harlin departed this life September 21, 1931. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text was from the book of Isaiah—Arise and shine for the light is come and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, so shout ye daughters of Zion for great is the Lord of host. So rest from your toils for we will all soon be there and come back with Jesus when he comes his second time.

Rev. E. Foster departed this life April 11th, 1932. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text, 1st Titus and 2nd; "In Hopes of Eternal Life in the God that cannot lie, promised before the world began."

Deacon Tom Wauker, departed this life August 15, 1932. Not dead but asleep in Jesus; so sleep and take your rest in a short time we will be there. Rev. Lucius Terrell departed this life April 18, 1932. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text, Rev. 13:14. "Write—Blessed art the dead that dieth in the Lord; so sleep on Rev. Terrell and enjoy your rest for the first time we will all be there by and by. Deacon James Sumlers departed this life September 27, 1932. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. Sleep on Bro. Sumlers and take your rest for the first time in the arms of Jesus; we will all be there by and by.

Elder Robt. Estelman departed this life Nov. 19th, 1924. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. His last text, from the Psalms of David. 'The Lord is my shepherd.' Father R. Estelman was a valuable man in this association; so take your rest in Jesus. Rev. Dorsea Cantrell departed this life March 15, 1926. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He also was a valuable man in this association and now he is taking his rest for the first time. Elder Green Thompson departed this life June 5, 1929. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He believed in the doctrine of the election. That God saved His church in his Son before the world began. He is in the arms of Jesus and will return with him when He comes the second time. Deacon Joe Brooks, departed this life Dec. 30, 1925. Not dead but asleep in Jesus. He was faithful until death. Therefore he received a crown of life. Deacon Bill Griffin died Oct. 10, 1932. He was strong and faithful.

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CONSTITUTION

## Of The

## BIG HARPEATH UNITED PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

From a long series of experiences, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith in Christ and union and communion among us to preserve and maintain a correspondence with each other in our union, we therefore covenant together to maintain and keep up the rule and order of our Association according to the following plan or form of government.

## Section First

Article 1. The Association is to be composed of members duly chosen by the churches in our union and sent to represent them in our Association, who are to be members whom they judge best qualified for that purpose, and producing letters from their churches certifying their appointments are entitled to seats.

Article 2. The members chosen to be denominated the United Primitive Baptist Association, being composed of sundry churches, lying and being in the State of Tennessee, who are to have no power but that especially granted to them by the whole of the churches in our Union.

## Section Second

Article 1. The power of this Association shall be to sit as a council to try and determine on all points of doctrine which our opinion may be convened, in order to keep heresy out of the churches.

Article 2. That any church in the union having a young minister whom they wish to have ordained, shall send him to the Association for examination. And any church having a candidate for license to preach she shall call the ministerial aid of a sister church, who shall after due examination (if finding the applicant qualified for the ministry) license him and keep a record of the same to be furnished to the ensuing Association.

## Statistics

Article 3. We, the churches forming this union do covenant and agree that whereas, any preacher moving in and among us and uniting himself to any church in our union, said church shall send him to the Association for examination and if approved as orthodox, shall have all the privileges of other preachers in our union.

Article 4. The Association when convened is to be governed and ruled by a regular and proper decorum which they are hereby authorized to form for themselves.

Article 5. The Association is to have a Moderator and Clerk, who are to be chosen by suffrage of members present.

Article 6. New churches may be admitted into the Association, who are to petition by letters and delegates, and if upon examination are found sound in the faith and doctrines agreeable to our abstract of principles may be received by the Association and their acception manifested by the Moderator giving to the delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Article 7. Every church in the union is entitled to representation in the Association, but is to have at least three members.

Article 8. The Association is to endeavor to furnish the churches with their minutes in the way that seems most convenient.

Article 9. We think it is necessary that the churches should furnish money to defray the expenses of printing the minutes, and they be distributed according to the money sent from each church.

Article 10. An amendment to this form of government may be made at any time by the churches of the union.

Article 11. Wherein any church shall fail repeatedly to represent herself, the Association shall consider her no more one of us.

12. The Association agrees to do all her business by a majority except in the reception of churches, ordination of ministers, and decisions on points of doctrine which shall be unanimous.

Article 13. That we recognize no man as a minister who fails to produce a license from the church, certifying that he has been regularly set apart to the work in the gospel.

Article 14. This is to make known that the Association has agreed that where three members are found sound in our faith and order the elders are authorized to organize a church thereon and keep a record of the same for the next Association.

Article 15. Any minister of the Big Harpeth Association who is known to preach anything that is not orthodox, his license or credential must be demanded by his church of the Association.

Article 16. Notice to Elders—We will not ordain any man whom we know to have two living wives nor shall any Elder in our union be allowed to perform the marriage ceremony for any such persons. Any member whom we know to violate this article will not be recognized.

Article 17. When there is a divorce given for the cause of fornication the party who gives the divorce shall not be deemed a transgressor, and he or she may be free according to the laws of Christ, and any member that violates this article shall not be recognized in our union.

#### Abstract of Principles

1. We believe in only one true living God the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost,—Deuteronomy 4:29. Mark 12:39; 1st John 5:7.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Words of God and the only rule of faith and practice.—2 Timothy 3:16; Romans 15:4 and 3:2.

3. We believe in the doctrine of election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.—Ephesians 1:4; Romans 3:22; Titus 1:2.

4. We believe in the doctrine of original sin.—Genesis 3:9; 3:12.

5. We believe in man's impotency to recover himself from the fallen state he is in by nature, by his own free will and ability.—Ephesians 2:8. Hebrew 9:22; 1 Peter 2:24.

6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the imputed righteousness of Christ.—Romans 3:23; Titus 3:5.

7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.—Mal. 8:17; 1st Peter 1:2.

8. We believe that the saints shall preserve in grace and never fall finally away.—John 10; Romans 8:39; 2nd Timothy 1:9.



9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ and that true believers are the subject, and the only true mode of baptism is by immersion. For the Lord's Supper, Mark 14:18; Luke 22:19; Matthew 3:13; Acts 8:36.

10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the eternal judgment, and the punishment of the wicked and the joy of the righteous will be eternal—1st Thessalonians 4:16; Judges 6:14; Revelations 20:15.

11. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration, of ordinances only such as the regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands, by the Presbytery.—Acts 13:2, 3; Titus 1:5.

12. We believe that none but regularly baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table. Mark 14:14; 1st Cor. 11:24; Ex. 12:43.

#### **Rules of Decorum of Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association**

1. On convening the Association shall be called to order by former Moderator or clerk if present and in order who shall after reading the roll of churches, will on hearing the names of their respective churches called, produce their letters as their credentials and have their names enrolled by former Clerks, if present and in order, or some other suitable brother.

2. The next in order shall be the choice of a permanent Moderator and Clerk for the time being; after which shall follow the reception of churches through their letters.

3. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve order in the Association, which shall be opened and closed by prayer, either by himself or some other brother.

4. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members, but he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide questions of order and propriety, but from this decision an approval if seconded may be made to the Association and the decision of the Association shall be binding to all parties.

5. The Moderator shall vote in no case unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall cast the deciding vote. He shall have the same privilege of speaking as other members, providing he calls some member of the body to the chair.

6. But one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall not be interrupted unless he departs from the subject or make use of personal reflections. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Moderator, unless to explain what is misunderstood or misrepresented.

7. No member shall vacate his seat without leave of the Moderator.

8. When a question is taken up after allowing time for deliberation, the Moderator shall take the voice of the Association, either by yeas and nays, viva voce or by requiring those on the affirmative to rise from their seats, and if necessary those on the negative also. The Moderator shall announce the decision from his seat.

9. Motions and amendments to motions, if seconded, must be considered, unless withdrawn. The usual order in deliberative bodies shall be observed in disposing of them by the Association.

10. The list of names of the delegates shall be called over, and the Constitution and Rules of Decorum, or any part thereof, read as often as the Association may direct.

11. The Clerk shall enroll all names of the delegates; minute the pro-

ceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

12. The minutes of the Association shall be read, and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association adjourns.

1. Be it known that we will not baptize any member that comes to us from the Primitive Association.

2. It was voted and carried that the Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association extend the right hand of Fellowship and grant correspondence with the Cumberland Association, of whom Rev. Z. W. Hill is Moderator.

3. Be it well known that the Big Harpeth United Primitive Baptist Association do not and will not recognize any divided provinces or church by any means, the original must stand.

4. Be it well known that any brother that has any thing to bring before the board for discussion, will not be recognized only in a written statement.



# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	DELEGATES							MEETING DAYS			
			Baptized	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Restored	Deceased		Whole Number	Contribution	
White Springs	Rev. S. Waddy	Deacon Harden Webster	3	1	2	2	2	4	75	\$18.25	1st and 3rd Sundays	
St. Mark	Rev. H. McCullum	Deacon R. Renfro, Deacon H. Harlin	8					3	53	12.75	2nd and 4th Sundays	
St. James	Rev. H. Butler	Deacon D. Stribbon, W. Polk	30	1	2	1	2	122	30.50	2nd and 4th Sundays		
Bethlehem	Rev. S. Bryant	Deacon Lewis Caldwell	3		1	17	4	4	46	11.50	2nd and 4th Sundays	
McNairy Hill	Rev. H. Butler	C. Bennett, Geo. Washington Dea. Slater	2	1		5	5	1	84	21.00	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Flint Valley	Rev. Timothy Stratton	Deacon A. Alley, Leslie Stratton				3	1		21	5.25	3rd Sunday	
Fountain Creek	Rev. J. Bellefant	Luther Bellefant						4	3	42	10.50	2nd and 4th Sundays
St. Eli	Rev. F. H. Gordon	Deacon L. H. Couch	2			12	1	3	80	20.00	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Gilmore Hill	Rev. Bruce J. Orr	Deacon Albert Sandusky							11	2.75	3rd Sunday	
Belle Meade	Rev. S. Waddy	Deacon Winder McGavock	2				4	5	56	14.00	2nd and 3rd Sundays	
St. Paul	Rev. H. Butler	Deacon John Butler							17	4.25	2nd Sundays	
Old Zion	Rev. Alex Stratton	Elder A. Stratton	1				1		19	4.75	4th Sunday	
Sweet Leaf	Rev. Milton Ridley	Elder M. Ridley		2	1	1	4	3	13	3.25	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Providence	Rev. H. McCullum	Eugene Scruggs, John Crutcher					1		14	3.50	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Morgan Chapel	Rev. Timothy Stratton	Rev. T. Stratton	1			2			4	1.00	2nd Sundays	
Walnut Grove	Rev. Porter Clark	Rev. P. W. Clark							7	1.75	1st Sundays	
Wesley Chapel	Rev. Walter Wess	Rev. W. Wess				1			6	1.50	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Central Baptist	Rev. Joel Holland	Deacon T. L. Blair	1			1	3		41	10.25	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Little Flock Baptist	Rev. R. Winkfield	Rev. R. Winkfield	2	1		4	5	2	38	9.50	Every Sunday	
Clifton Ave. Baptist	Rev. Wm. Sneed	Deacon H. Robinson	1		1				17	4.25	3rd and 4th Sundays	
Mt. Hebron	Rev. Joel Holland	Deacon Sam Pillows							20	5.00	1st Sundays	
St. Matthews	Rev. Wm. Sneed	Rev. Wm. Sneed					1	1	11	2.75	1st Sundays	
Willis Chapel	Rev. M. Jennings	Rev. M. Jennings							10	2.50	3rd Sundays	
St. James, Jr.	Rev. Ellis Hamilton	Deacon John Marsh	5	1	1	8	5	3	40	10.00	2nd and 4th Sundays	
St. Boston	Rev. Wm. Sneed	Rev. Wm. Sneed				3	1		14	3.50	2nd Sundays	
St. Long	Rev. E. Bailey											
Mt. Bethel	Rev. Joel Holland	Rev. Joel Holland						1	8	2.00	3rd Sundays	
St. Lee	Rev. Jas. Bellefant											
Olivet St. Douglas	Rev. R. W. Mann	Deacon Aaron Thompson	6	2	1	3	7		94	25.50	Every Sunday	
Rocky Glade	Rev. Lucius Terrell	H. Anderson	1		1		6	1	21	5.25	3rd Sundays	
Mt. Teamon	Rev. Alex Stratton	Deacon Geo. Davis	1		1				14	3.50	1st and 3rd Sundays	
Slater Chapel	Rev. D. C. Buntin	Rev. D. C. Buntin	4	1	2	1	3	1	20	5.00	Every Sunday	
Maecdonia	Rev. Walter Wess	Rev. W. Wess	1						6	1.50	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Thompson Chapel	Rev. S. D. McMeens	Rev. S. D. McMeens	1	2			2	4	45	11.25	Every Sunday	
Shiloh Baptist	Rev. F. H. Gordon	Deacon John Terrell	1			3		1	18	4.50	4th Sundays	
Mt. Ora	Rev. S. Waddy	Rev. S. Waddy							9	2.25	4th Sundays	
Slate Creek	Rev. A. Robinson	Paul Bass, T. L. Cheatham					2		19	4.75	Every Sunday	
St. John's Union	Rev. G. D. Copeland	Rev. G. D. Copeland						1	8	2.00	2nd and 4th Sundays	
St. Mark, Jr.	Rev. M. Jennings	Rev. M. Jennings						1	5	1.25	1st Sundays	
St. Elizabeth	Rev. Henry Buford	Rev. H. Buford				1			11	2.75	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Big Harpeth	Parson John Bradley	Parson John Bradley							5	1.25	1st and 3rd Sundays	
New Hope	Rev. Jas. Shepherd	Rev. Jas. Shepherd	2		1	2		1	12	3.00	Every Sunday	
Lake Chapel	Rev. R. Winkfield	Rev. R. Winkfield	3						8	2.00	1st Sundays	
Popewell									7	1.75	Every Sunday	
Mt. Hebron	Rev. Calvin Elliott		1						6	1.50	2nd and 4th Sundays	
Ever Green	Rev. Rufus Owens	Deacon R. Jordan		1	2				28	7.00	Every Sunday	