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MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIRST
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
Red River Association
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST



Held With
Pine Hill Church, Wolfe County, Kentucky,
September 9th, 10th and 11th,
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Seven



MINUTES

OF THE RED RIVER ASSOCIATION OF OLD REGULAR PRIMITIVE BAPTIST

FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 9, 1927

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer by Elder S. A. Amburgey, Elder W. L. Kash preached the introductory sermon from Timothy 4:16, after which the messengers assembled at the church house to transact the business of the association. After singing and prayer by Elder B. F. Robertson, letters and messengers from different churches composing the Red River Association were read and seated as shown in the table of statistics.

By motion and second Elder Noah Creech was chosen Moderator, M. V. Bates, Clerk, and R. E. Thomas, Assistant Clerk.

By motion and second letters from new churches were called for and none responded.

By motion and second letters from sisters associations called for. Burning Spring Association came forward with a letter by the hands of the following brethren: Elder K. K. Spencer and Bros. W. W. Elam, J. H. Elam and Millard Ferguson. A letter from Rock Spring Association by the hands of Elders W. B. Tacket and L. Conway. A letter from New Liberty Association by the hands of Elder B. F. Robertson. A letter from Spencer Association by the hands of Elder P. R. Hobbs, B. F. Miller, Joseph Creech and Bros. J. W. Whisman. Corresponding Messengers were given the right hand of fellowship and seats with us.

Motion and second that we call for letter from associations not in correspondence with us of the same faith and order. None responded.

By motion and second transient ministers called for. None responded.

Our next Association will be held with the Baptist Union Church, Wolf county, Kentucky, beginning Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1928.

By motion and second the Moderator make all temporary appointments. He appointed a committee on Arrangements as follows: Elder Jeff Brewer, J. F. Powell, S. A. Amburgey, H. D. S. Helton, Heway Trent, H. C. Hurst and T. E. Wise, same to be committee on preaching and to report tomorrow at 9 o'clock.

Committee on Preaching named Elders Jasper Creech and K. K. Spencer this afternoon and Elders Jeff Brewer, W. B. Tacket and S. A. Amburgey, Saturday morning and Elders S. B. Creech and L. Conway afternoon.

Motion and second to appoint Brethren to write letters to sister association as follows: Elder W. L. Kash to Burning Springs Association, Elder Jeff Brewer to Rock Spring Association, Elder H. D. S. Helton to New Liberty Association, Elder J. F. Powell to Spencer Association.

SATURDAY MORNING SEPTEMBER 10, 1927.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. L. Kash.

Roll call. Messengers present.

Report of committee call for, read, received and committee discharged.

The Moderator appointed M. V. Bates and R. L. Thomas Finance Committee to see to printing 500 minutes and distributing of same and to make the following report:

Still Water	\$5.00
Mud Lick	\$1.00
Pine Hill	\$2.00
Mt. Chapel	\$2.00
Clear Branch	\$2.50
Hopewell	\$3.00
Baptist Union	\$2.00
Pan Bowl	\$5.00
Donation by Brack Howard	\$2.00

Total \$24.50

Corresponding letters called for. Elder W. L. Kash came forward with a letter to Burning Springs Association, read and received. Elders W. L. Kash, Noah Creech and Bro. M. V. Bates agreed to bear same to this Association when convened with Paint church, Morgan county, Ky., be-

ginning Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1928. Letter given Elder W. L. Kash.

Elder Jeff Brewer came forward with a letter to Rock Spring Association, read and received. Elder S. A. Amburgey, Adam Creech and Bro. R. L. Thomas agreed to bear same to this Association when convened with New Hope church, Rowen county, Ky., beginning Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1928. Letter given to Elder S. A. Amburgey.

Elder H. D. S. Helton came forward with a letter to New Liberty Association, read and received. Elders S. A. Amburgey, W. L. Kash, J. F. Powell, Noah Creech, S. B. Creech and Bros. R. L. Thomas, H. C. Hurst and M. V. Bates agreed to bear same to this association when convened with Rounion church, Boyd county, Ky., beginning Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1928. Letter given to Elder Noah Creech.

Elder J. F. Powell came forward with letter to Spencer Association, read and received. Elder Noah Creech, Jeff Brewer and Bros. Logan Miller, James Blankenship and Andy Campbell agreed to bear same to this Association when convened with Lick Spring church, Lee county, Ky., beginning Friday before the third Saturday, September, 1927, letter given to Elder Noah Creech.

A question arising in the Burning Spring Association and others. This Association agreed to lay it over until she acted on it at her next association.

By private ballot Elder S. A. Amburgey was chosen to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder W. L. Kash, his alternate.

Committee on Preaching named Elder B. F. Robertson and P. R. Hobbs to preach on Sunday and Elder Noah Creech, Moderator, to close.

Resolve, that we tender our thanks to this vicinity for the hospitality manifested during this Association.

Resolve, that we adjourn until Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1928.

Done by the order of the Association.

ELDER NOAH CREECH, Moderator.

M. V. BATES, Clerk; R. L. THOMAS, Assistant Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11, 1927.

A large congregation assembled at the stand where services were introduced by singing and prayer by Elder Ira Wells. After which Elder B. F. Robertson preached from 1st Samuel 17:22 followed by Elder P. R. Hobbs who preached from St. Luke 4:18-19, and Elder Noah Creech, Moderator, closed. The Lord, through them, delivered interesting and edifying sermons which were well received, closing with a general love feast.

M. V. BATES, Clerk; R. L. THOMAS, Assistant Clerk.

CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Stillwater—Logan Miller Compton, Ky.
Mud Lick—John W. Dunn Simpson, Ky.
Pine Hill—Huey Trent Torrent, Ky.
Mt. Chapel—T. E. Wise Pilot, Ky.
Clear Branch—Wm. Dawson Lombard, Ky.
Hopewell—M. V. Bates Means, Ky.
Baptist Union—H. D. S. Helton Valeria, Ky.
Pan Bowl—H. C. Hurst Jackson, Ky.
Mount Olivet—J. W. Smith Wellington, Ky.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Stillwater—Elders W. H. Chambers, Jeff Brewer and Steve King, Baptist, Ky.
Mud Lick—No minister.
Mt. Chapel—Elder Perry Conway Deward, Mich.
Pine Hill—Elder Ira Wells, Daysboro, Ky.
Clear Branch—Elder J. P. Spencer, Nelma, Wisconsin; J. F. Powell, Shade, Tenn.
Hopewell—S. A. Amburgey, Jeffersonville, Ky., Route 1; and S. P. Tincher, Stranton, Ky.
Baptist Union—Elders H. D. S. Helton, Valeria, Ky; Noah Creech, Adam Creech and S. B. Creech, Valeria, Ky.; J. W. Lawson, Pekin, Ky.
Pan Bow—Elder W. L. Kash, Jackson, Ky.
Mount Olivet—I. R. Whitt, Korea, Ky.

OBITUARY OF ELDER WM. COMBS.

In loving memory of our beloved brother, Elder Wm. Combs. He was born December 30, 1849, died August 3, 1927. He was married to Mrs. Susanna Alben. His dear companion and loving wife was born Feb. 20, 1850, died April 3, 1920. They were blessed with 14 children, 13 lived to be grown. The best the unworthy writer remembers there are three boys and two girls living, James Henry, of Middleton, Ohio; Amba, of Illinois; Nuta, of Lexington, Ky., Easter Jane Moore, Grand Rapids, Mich., Martha, Chicago, Ill. This highly esteemed brother and sister lived a true devoted life to each other until death of Sister Combs. They both joined the Primitive Baptist Church many years back. Elder Combs was first ordained as deacon of Conciliation Church, then said church ordained Brother Combs to the full function of the gospel. He was chosen Moderator of the Red River Association several years back. He faithfully served them until death, earnestly contending for salvation by grace alone. After death of his dear loving companion he devoted the most of his time in visiting the churches of Red River Association and the corresponding associations. We don't know of any brother that has been esteemed any more than he was. O, how sad it is with Red River Association and her corresponding associations when we meet and see the vacant place of old Brother Combs. We will not meet with him any more on earth. We, that have a hope in Christ, by the grace of God, we believe we will meet Brother Combs and wife again where all dears are dried, God and the Lamb will be the light of that city.

Written by his unworthy brother that esteemed Brother Combs a father in the ministry.—S. A. AMBURGEY.

OBITUARY OF MARY CLAYPOOL

It is with a sad heart we try to write the death of our dearly beloved sister, Mary J. Claypool, daughter of W. J. and Cerilda Havens. She was born September 14, 1878, married December 4, 1895 to J. O. Claypool. She joined the Primitive Baptist church 3rd Sat. Sept. 1906. Departed this life November 3, 1926. She was loving, faithful wife and a devoted church member. She was sick a good while, all was done for her that loving hands could do to keep dear Mary with us, but the good Lord knew best when He said to her departing soul, come up higher and to the body cross over the chilly tide of Jordan where it is sleeping, waiting the sweet resurrection when dear Mary will be raised and fashioned like the glorious body of Christ. She then will be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. Her brethren and sisters join Brother Claypool in his sad and lonely hours of grief with sweet hope we will meet dear Mary, will join that heavenly host to praise Jesus forever and ever.

Written by her unworthy brother in Christ.—S. A. AMBURGEY.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized of immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, and agree to keep up the rules of our Association according to the following form of government, viz:

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory, yet there are not three Gods but one God.

Art. 2. We believe in the testimony of the Word, of the Old and New Testaments; is the true written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or in whole.

Article 4. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Article 5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by and through the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

Article 6. We believe that the saints will finally persevere in grace to glory, and not one of them shall be finally lost.

Article 7. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 8. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another and have agreed to keep up a godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Article 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and that the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Article 10. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

Article 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the saints' feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be continued by the church until His second coming.

Article 12. We believe it to be the duty of the churches thus united collectively or individually to remonstrate against any doctrines or opinions of men that does not comport with the principles of this constitution, and if they fail to do so, shall be considered a violation of this Constitution.

Article 13. This Association shall withdraw from any church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of this Constitution.

Article 14. No church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this Constitution.

Article 15. All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by the will of the majority except the receiving or dismissing of churches and corresponding with other Associations which shall be done by a unanimous vote.

Article 16. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum This done and signed by order of the Association.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. A Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. The Association thus formed shall be a Council of Advice and not an authoritative body.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right at any time to call to order.

Article 5. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day but no other time.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at the same time who shall rise and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Article 8. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall fairly state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

Article 9. No Person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave obtained.

Article 10. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without leave of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be deemed a violation of good order for any person to laugh or whisper during public speech.

Article 12. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used in the Association.

Article 13. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

Art. 14. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as the Association begins.

Art. 15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

Art. 16. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these laws shall be reprovved as the Association shall think proper.

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