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October 11, 12, and 13

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OF THE

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OF UNITED BAPTISTS,

HELD WITH

PAINT ROCK CHURCH,

NEAR ALMY, TENN.,

October 11, 12, and 13, 1901.

OFFICERS:

G. C. DUNCAN, Moderator - -	Winfield, Tenn.
M. C. CROSS, Assistant Moderator, -	Byrd, Tenn.
W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk, - - -	Bowl, Tenn.
W. T. PENINGTON, Assistant Clerk, -	Almy, Tenn.

Next session will be held with Buffalo church, 4 miles east of Huntsville, Scott county, Tenn., on Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1902.

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Articles of Faith.

1st. We believe in one only and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in power, essence and glory, one True Eternal God.

2d. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself by any creative power.

3d. We believe that sinners are justified through and by the Righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

4th. We believe we have no right to commune with any but legally baptised church members and that immersion is the only mode.

5th. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust, and that the enjoyment of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

6th. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a body of faithful persons who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to watch over each other in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Holiness, and not one of them will be finally lost.

Rules of Decorum.

1st. The Association should begin and end with prayer by the Moderator.

2d. A Moderator and Clerk to be chosen of our body.

3d. One person only shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and then speak.

4th. The person up shall not, while speaking, be interrupted by any one except the Moderator, nor shall the Moderator interrupt any member nor prevent his speaking until he gives his light on the subject, unless he shall violate the rules of decorum.

5th. The speaker shall strictly adhere to the subject and shall in no wise reflect on the imperfections of the persons that spoke before him, but shall fairly state the case and convey his ideas as near as he can.

6th. No member shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave from the Moderator.

7th. No person can speak more than three times on any subject, nor more than five minutes at a time without leave from the Association.

8th. No person shall have the liberty of laughing or whispering during business or public speaking in the Association.

9th. No member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

10th. The names of the several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association shall require.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY—FRIDAY, OCT. 11.

The West Union Association of United Baptists met in its thirty-second annual session with Paint Rock church, near Almy, Scott county, Tenn., on Friday, October 11th, 1901.

The Moderator, who had been chosen to preach the introductory sermon being absent, the Association called on Elder R. C. Cecil, who delivered an eloquent sermon. Text: Galatians 1:9, "As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than than that ye have received, let him be accursed."

The association was then called to order for a permanent organization by Elder M. C. Cross, assistant Moderator. Letters called for and read, and messengers enrolled. (See table of statistics.)

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Elder G. C. Duncan Moderator, Elder M. C. Cross Assistant Moderator, W. J. Jeffers, Clerk, and W. T. Penington, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Decorum were then read and strict compliance therewith requested by the Moderator.

Called for newly constituted churches, and received a letter from Capuchin, and one one from William's Creek. Letters read, churches received, and messengers seated with the body.

Called for corresponding letters from sister associations, and received a letter from East Tennessee Association by the hand of Elder L. Sieber. Letter read and messengers seated. A letter from Stocton's Valley, but no delegate; letter read and received. A letter from South Concord, no delegate; letter read and received.

Entire delegation of Paint Rock church together with one messenger from each of the other churches were appointed a committee on preaching.

Moved that we correspond with the following Associations: Hiwassee, Stocton's Valley, South Union, South Concord and East Tennessee.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Correspondence—East Tennessee, W. J. Jeffers; South Union, A. M. Gregory; Stocton's Valley, W. R. Hamby; Hiwasse, Jesse Baird; South Concord, R. C. Cecil.

Unfinished Business—W. R. Hamby, Jesse Baird and M. C. Murphy, together with Moderators and Clerks.

Obituaries—W. B. Douglass, A. H. Watson and W. A. Cross.

Resolutions—G. B. Lay and Jno. Harness.

Queries—T. M. Ellis and Wesley Perry.

Committee on Divine Service reported. Tonight, Elders G. C. Duncan and A. M. Gregory at Paint Rock; Elders M. C. Cross, Jno. Harness and A. H. Watson at Almy; Elders W. R Hamby and R. S. Dagley at Cherry Fork; Elders W Perry, J. B. Troxel and J. C. Gibson at Annodel; Elders M. C. Murphy, L. Sieber and W. B. Douglas at Pine Hill.

Voted that our next annual session be held with the Buffalo church, four miles east of Huntsville, Scott county, Tennessee, and that Elder W. R. Hamby preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder M. C. Cross be his alternate.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Prayer by Elder Jesse Baird.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCT. 12.

The Association met Saturday morning about 9:30 o'clock. Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator, and after hearing the 1st chapter of Psalms read, were led in prayer by Elder M. C. Cross.

Committee on Preaching rrported: Today at the stand, Elders A J. Kid, W. R. Hamby, A. M. Gregory, C. C. Terry, M. C. Murphy, Jas. Griffith and John Harness; tonight, Elders A. H. Watson, W. B. Douglas, J. C. Gibson, J. B. Troxel and Jesse Baird at the church; Elders —— Blevins, W. R. Hamby, R. C. Cecil and W. Perry at Pine Hill; Elders G. C Duncan, Jno. W. Stanley and A. J. Kid at Almy; Elders L. Sieber, and R. S. Dagley at Cherry Fork; Elders Joe Morcum, Granville Phillips, John Foster and A. J. Chambers at Anadel. Tomorrow at the stand Elders G. C Duncan, M. C. Cross, G. B. Lay, J. W. Stanley, W. B. Douglas, Jesse Baird and A. M. Gregory.

On motion Bros. W. J. Blevins, Porter Garret and Alfonso Storry, of Stocton's Valley, were invited and took seats with the body.

The minutes of yesterday's proceedings were then read, corrected and approved.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report received and committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows: To East Tennessee—M. C. Cross, J. M. Griffith, Jno. Harness, J. W. Stanley, G. C. Duncan and R. C. Cecil. To Hiwassee—M. A. Cross, W. T. Penington, R. C. Cecil, J. M. Griffith, W. F. Thomas and A. M. Gregory. To Stocton's Valley—J. F. Foster, J. W. Stanley, J. G. Phillips and A. J. Chambers. To South Concord—A. M. Gregory, J. B Troxel, R. Chitwood, M. C. Murphy, A. H. Watson and G. B. Lay. To South Union—Wm. Shelton, W. B. Douglas, R. Chitwood, T. M. Ellis, J. B. Troxel, Jesse Baird and G. H. Penington.

Ordered that the names and postoffice address of ordained ministers in this Association be printed in our minutes.

The following committee were appointed to look after the interest of Sunday schools in our bounds: Richard Chitwood, J. W. Stanley, Richard Crabtree, G, H. Penington and W. J. Jeffers.

Moved that we request all of our ministers to visit the destitute bounds of this Association during the coming year as much as they can.

Committee on Obituaries reported. (See report elsewhere.)

Committee on Queries reported. (See report elsewhere.)

Committee on Finance, A. H. Watson and W. F. Thomas, report: $5.55 for delegates expenses, and $21.73 for printing minutes.

Committee on Resolutions made the following report which was read by Jesse Baird:

RESOLVED, That we, the West Union Association of United Baptists, recommend to our people and churches, the propriety of a treasurer in this association; also the advisability of this Association, together with the corresponding associations, purchasing a printing press to do their printing, and to publish a denominational paper in behalf of our people. Be it further

RESOLVED, That each church of this Association more carefully consider the propriety of a treasurer in each church, and that the pastors put this matter before their churches for consideration and report at our next meeting. Be it further

RESOLVED, That this body return its sincere thanks to Paint Rock church and entire community for their hospitality and tender regard for our comfort during our stay with them."

After some deliberations Elder Jesse Baird was selected to ascertain what a printing press would cost and our corresponding delegates instructed to lay the matter before the Associations for their consideration and and report at our next annual meeting.

W. J. Jeffers was chosen treasurer of the Association for the ensuing year and reported $7.95 on hand.

Moved that we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this association printed, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and be allowed $5.00 for his services. Reserve 200 copies for correspondence.

Minutes of today's proceedings read and approved.

Retired to the stand, sang and took parting hand, in hopes of all meeting again at Buffalo one year hence, and if not permitted to meet there we hope, by the grace of God, to meet in heaven where parting will be no more. Prayer by Jno. W. Stanley.

ELDER G. C. DUNCAN, MODERATOR.

W. J. JEFFERS, CLERK.

Names and P. O. Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Brown A D, Newcomb, Campbell Co., Tenn.
Baird, M. D., " " " "
Baird, Jesse, Elk Valley, " " "
Cross, M C, Byrd, Scott Co., "
Cross, W A, Almy, " "
Cross, H. M., Gum Fork, " "
Cecil, R C., Almy, " "
Duncan, G. C, Winfield, " "
Daugherty, E D., Winfield, " "
Ellis, Wm, Almy, " "
Ellis, T. M, Bowl, " "
Douglas, Wm., Newcomb, Campbell Co, "
Douglas, W. B., Elk Valley, Campbell Co., "
Griffith, J M., Mill Creek, Scott Co., "
Harness, Jno., Hugehett, " "
Hamby, W. R., Winfield, " "
Lay, Jas., Bowl, " "
Lay, G. B., Bowl, " "
Lay, Jesse, Isham, " "
Gregory, A. M., Oneida, " "
Marcum, Joe, Bowl, " "
Murphy, M. C., Strunk, Whitley Co., Ky.
Morgan, S. G., Pine Knot, " " "
Owens, D. W., Bowl, Scott Co., Tenn.
Penington, W. T., Almy, " "
Perry, Wesley, Mars Creek, Whitley Co., Ky.
Phillips, A. J., Almy, Scott Co., Tenn.
Roysden, J. R., Oneida, " "
Sexton, Monroe, Almy, " "
Stanley, J. W., Oneida, " "
Troxel, J. B., Pine Knot, Whitley Co., Ky.

Order of Business.

FIRST DAY—

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for New Churches.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Select place of next Meeting.
8. Whom to preach Introductory Sermon.
9. New Business.
10. Announcements.
11. Adjournment.

SECOND DAY—

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read and orrect Minutes.
3. Report of Committees
   (a) On Correspondence.
   (b) On Unfinished Business.
   (c) On Obituaries.
   (d) On Queries.
   (e) On Finance.
4. Who to Superintend Printing of Minutes.
5. Resolutions.
6. Adjournment.

[NOTE. This Order of Business is offered by the Clerk.]

OBITUARIES.

NANCY CECIL, wife of Wm. Cecil, was born March 17, 1833, and departed this life March 13, 1900. She was a member of the Cherry Fork church for many years. She has gone, we hope, to reap her reward in glory.

SISTER ——— WALKER was about 66 years of age when she departed this life. Was a member of the Baptist family about 40 years, died in the full triumphs of faith and has gone to meet her many loved ones in glory.

JASPER JEFFERS. born April 7, 1843, departed this life May 7, 1901. Joined the church in 1873, and was clerk of the Bull Creek church for several years. He leaves a wife and five children to mourn after him. While the family is now divided, may the time come when they all shall meet in heaven, where parting shall be no more.

SARAH BROWN, born August 29, 1876, departed this life December 15, 1899, and was a faithful member of the church 9 years. She leaves two little girls to mourn for her. May God bless them through life's journey, and may they be prepared when the summons comes to meet her in glory.

WM. SHELBY JEFFERS, born June 26, 1874, departed this life Nov. 19, 1898. He joined the church in 1897, and leaves a wife and 4 children, who have our prayers and our sympathies. May they all be prepared, while here, to live with him in glory.

DANIEL HARNESS, SR., was born March 14, 1821, joined the Bull Creek church in 1871, and was a deacon of that church from 1872 until his death, June 27, 1901. He leaves a wife and 7 children to mourn after him, but we hope our loss is his eternal gain.

MARY HARNESS, born Sept. 7, 1841, departed this life May 11, 1901. She leaves a husband and 4 children. We hope their loss is her eternal gain.

LEVICY THOMPSON was born April 4, 1825, died Nov. 25, 1900, and was a devoted member of the church for eighteen years. She died in the full triumphs of a living faith, and is gone, we hope, to reap her reward in glory. And while her husband and six children have gone on before, she leaves seven children to mourn after her.

SARAH ROSS, born April 11, 1834, departed this life July 31, 1901. She lived a devoted Christian about 24 years, and was a member of the Second Bethlehem church when she died. We hope our loss is her eternal gain.

Your committee on obituaries note with sadness the death of 24 of our members, 15 of whom we failed to ascertain a "sketch of life," only that they were members of the Baptist family.

W. B. DOUGLAS }
A H WATSON, } Committee.
W. A. CROSS, }

QUERIES.

"Have we the right to receive the labor of ministers and the members of an Association with whom we have no correspondence?"

Answer: "Each church is an independent body, and therefore should be the judge of the qualification of its members."

WESLEY PERRY, }
T. M. ELLIS, } Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dism'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Present Memb'p	Saturd'y Meeting	Contribution Del. Expenses	Contribution for Printing
										$	$
Antioch	Wm. Honley, G. B. Lay, R. S. Dagley, E. M. and J. G. Phillips	12	0	0	2	0	1	32			55
Buffalo	Jesse Croley, Pleas and Claborn Jeffers, W. A. Cross	0	1	0	2	2	0	53	2		65
Beech Grove	A. H. Watson	0	2	0	0	0	0	21	2		50
Black Creek	Joe Lackey, Pleas Clark, J. Terry	5	2	0	0	0	1	70	2		65
Bethaida	Jno Foster, Jas. Honeycut	0	0	0	0	1	0	16			40
Bull Creek	Jno. Harness, Joseph Newport, T. Sexton, M. Jeffers,	1	0	0	0	0	3	78	3		85
Bethlehem	N. Litton, R Jeffers, C. C. Reed	0	0	0	0	0	0	68			55
Cherry Fork	L. D. and P. W. Phillips, R. C. Cecil. Wm. Sexton,	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	4		80
Capuchin	Hiram Baker							12	2		45
Elk Fork	W. B. Douglas, Jesse Baird, J. C. Gibson, C. C. Sexton	0	0	0	4	2	1	99	1		1 00
Hickory Grove	A letter; no delegate	7	0	0	2	0	0	25			55
Little Rock C'k	Wesley Perry	0	0	1	0	1	0	36			20
Mt. Zion	T. M. Ellis, G. W. Owens, Joseph Morcum, W. J. Jeffers	0	0	0	0	2	0	57	4		80
Mt. Pleasant	M. C. Murphy, J. M. Stephens	2	0	0	0	0	0	13			45
New Zion	C. C. Terry, Jno. Litton [Smith	6	4	0	0	1	0	38			58
New Liberty	A. M. Gregory, Albert Smith, Harmon	6	2	0	0	2	0	40	3		1 00
New Salem	T. F. Laxton, James Lay, A. J. Chambers, R. Stanley, G. H. and Thomas Penington,	0	0	0	12	4	2	188	3		1 35
Nettle Cove	G. W. Lewallen	0	0	0	4	0	0	57	3	25	50
New Prospect	W. C. Shelton	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	4		50
Otter Creek	W. R. Hamby, J. B. Troxel	2	4	0	0	7	1	113	2		1 05
Oak Grove	E. Blevins, H. Blevins	5	0	0	0	0	0	18			85
Paint Rock	J. F. Sexton, C. P. West, W. T. Penington, H. Goodman, M. Sexton	0	2	0	0	0	0	76	2	2 00	1 00
Pine Knot	A. J. Kid	7	3	1	0	1	0	87			1 00
Pine Creek	A. J. Thomas, W. F. Thomas, J.V.Terry, M. Marcum,	3	0	0	8	1	3	70			75
Pine Hill	Jno. Basal, G. M. Acres, J. M. Abbott, J. W. Stanley	0	0	0	0	1	0	30	4	85	50
Pleasant Grove	Calvin Baker, G. C. Duncan and J. H. Murphy	1	0	0	1	6	3	169		1 00	1 00
Rock Creek	Jno. M Foster,	3	0	1	1	4	6	28	2		50
2nd Bethlehem	G. C. Duncan, J. M. Trammell, Jesse and Richard Chitwood	1	0	0	0	1	1	45		85	50
2nd Union	S. L Walden	11	1	1	4	0	0	50			65
Slick Rock	J. M. Griffith	1	0	0	0	0	0	16			50
Union	M. C. Cross, A. Lay, Calvin Marcum	0	0	0	3	0	0	48	4		55
William's Cr'k	Isaac Foster, M. Slaven							7	3		
Zion	A letter; no delegate	0	0	0	0	2	0	50	2	60	60
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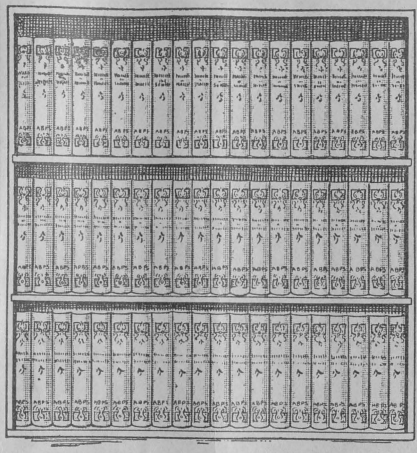

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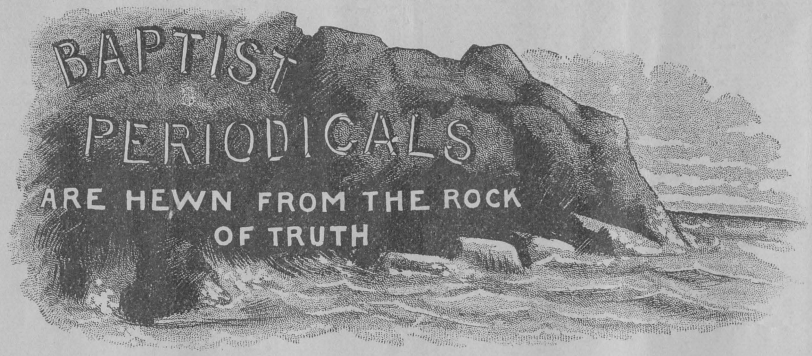

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