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OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST UNION
Association of United Baptists

HELD WITH THE
PINE KNOT CHURCH
PINE KNOT, KY.

October 7, 8, and 9

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Moderator, Eld. S. G. MORGAN, Pine Knot, Ky.
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Pine Knot, Kentucky, October 7, 8 and 9, 1904

MODERATOR, S. G. Morgan, Pine Knot, Ky., Ass't T. M. Ellis, Bowl Tenn.
CLERK, W. J. Jeffers, Bowl, Tenn. - Ass't B. R. King, Pine Knot, Ky.
Next Session, Gum Fork, Scott County, Tennessee, Friday Before the Second
Saturday in October, 1905.

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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.

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

3rd—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 no one of them will be finally lost.

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 Correct Minutes.
3. Report of Committees.
 - (a) On Correspondence.
 - (b) Unfinished Business.
 - (c) Obituaries.
 - (d) Queries.
 - (e) Finance.
4. Who to Superintend Printing of Minutes.
5. Resolutions.
6. Adjournment.

Rules of Decorum.

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

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

3rd—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 pre-

vent his speaking until he gives his light on the subject, until 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 several members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association shall require.

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PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

PINE KNOT, KY., OCT. 7, 1904.

The West Union Association of United Baptists met this day in its thirty-fifth annual session with Pine Knot church. Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator.

A sermon introductory to the business of the association was delivered by Elder B. R. King; text, Isaiah 43:10, "Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord." The association was then called to order for a permanent organization by the moderator. Letters of the different churches called for and read presenting the following table of statistics:

(See next page.)

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Sat'day's Meeting	Contrib'n Del.	Ex.	Contrib'n Print'g
Anticoh	J. M. Phillips, J. C. Terry.	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	29	1	\$	\$ 62
Buffalo	W. R. Hamblen	15	6	2	0	4	0	67	2			1 16
Beech Grove	A. H. Watson	0	0	0	4	0	0	22	4			50
Black Creek	Jesse Smither	3	3	0	0	0	0	79	2	50		1 00
Bethaida	John Foster	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	3			30
Bethlehem	N. Litton, E. Litton	0	0	0	1	0	1	65	2			1 00
Bull Creek	E. Newport	0	0	0	0	0	2	80	3			85
*Big Creek	W. F. Bruce							19	3			1 00
Cherry Fork	C. Sexton, P. W. Phillips, R. C. Cecil	4	1	0	0	0	1	91	4	50		1 01
Capuchin	D. L. Bridges, E. and H. Terry	5	0	9	2	1	3	39	2			65
Davis' Chapel	Letter, no delegate	4	0	0	0	4	2	36				50
Elk Fork	M. D. Baird	0	9	2	4	0	2	86	1			1 00
Hickory Grove	Wm. Crabtree, N. Taylor	0	0	0	0	0	0	36	1			50
Little Rock Creek	J. W. Spradlin, J. C. Anderson	0	0	0	0	1	0	42	4			50
Mt. Zion	T. M. and R. Ellis, W. J. Jeffers	8	1	3	1	0	0	66	4			90
Mt. Pleasant	R. B. and A. King, J. Spradlin.	5	2	0	0	0	0	47	2			70
New Liberty.	Letter, no delegate	0	1	0	0	1	0	55	3			1 05
New Salem	T. F. Laxton, H. M. Cross	11	0	0	2	0	1	183	3			1 05
New Zion	J. C. Terry	0	1	0	1	0	0	36	2			50
*New Hope	J. R. Lay, Wm. Russell							7	2			35
New Prospect	W. C. Shelton	0	0	0	0	3	0	22	4			40
Nettle Cove	A. Douglas	2	1	0	0	2	1	61	3			75
Otter Creek	W. R. Hamby, D. Foster, H. C. Daugherty	0	1	0	0	0	1	148	4			1 00
Paint Rock	W. N. West, A. J. Phillips	9	4	1	1	2	1	80	1	100		1 00
Pine Knot	W. B. White, A. J. Kidd, S. G. Morgan, John and L. Cooper	0	4	0	0	0	0	89	3	50		1 00
Pine Hill	W. L. Price, J. W. Stanley	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	2	50		50
Pine Grove	Joel Chitwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	4			50
Pleasant Grove	G. C. Duncan, Harve Murphy, Wm. Wooden, C. Baker, Wm. Duncan	0	1	1	0	1	1	171	3			1 00
Pine Creek	A. J. Thomas	0	0	0	2	0	1	66	1			75
Rock Creek	Wm. Winchester, J. M. Foster	7	2	3	0	1	0	37	3			60
Sec Bethlehem	Jesse Lay, A. J. and R. Chitwood	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	1			50
Stanfill	Letter, no delegate	0	2	0	0	2	0	23	3			45
Sand Hill	S. Cox, G. Smith, I. Jones,	9	0	1	2	0	0	67				70
Union	M. C. Cross, G. B. Lay	11	0	0	2	4	0	55	4			55
Upland	E. S. Wells							21	1			85
Sulphur Springs	A. Spradlin, Jesse and Thos. Stephns							23	4			75
Indian Creek	Letter, no delegate	4	0	3	0	0	0	20	1			1 00
Zion	T. Angel, W. H. Blankenship, A. J. Wright, R. Smith	13	0	0	9	2	0	78	2			1 20
Total		110	39	13	53	24	15	2090		250		2919

*Denotes a new church.

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Statistics Continued.

Churches not represented. Last year's membership given—1st Hickory Creek, —; 2nd Oak Grove, disbanded; 3rd Second Union, 40; 4th Slick Rock, 16; 5th Williams' Creek, disbanded. Union Cove changed to Indian Creek.

Proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year which resulted in election of Elder S. G. Morgan moderator, Elder T. M. Ellis assistant moderator, W. J. Jeffers clerk, and B. R. King assistant clerk.

Rules of decorum were read by the clerk and strict compliance therewith requested by the moderator.

Called for newly constituted churches and received a letter and messengers from each of the following churches, viz: New Hope, Big Creek and Upland. Letters read and messengers seated in our body.

Called for corresponding letters from sister associations and received a letter from South Union by the hands of Elder J. M. Cordell, T. S. Lay and R. E. Wood. A letter from South Concord by the hands of Elders N. C. Coffee and Grant Roberts. Letters read, messengers initiated.

At this point Elders Jeffers and J. D. Coburn, of New River Association, and Jno. Blevins, of Stocton's Valley, were invited to seats, accepted.

Entire delegation of Pine Knot church together with one delegate from each of the churches represented were appointed a committee on Divine service.

Moved that we correspond with the following associations, viz: Hiwassee, South Union, South Concord and Stocton's Valley.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

- (a) On correspondence: B. R. King, W. J. Jeffers, T. F. Laxton and H. M. Cross.
- (b) Obituaries: A. J. Phillips, T. M. Ellis, N. Taylor and W. R. Hamby.
- (c) Queries: G. C. Duncan, W. R. Hamby and M. C. Cross.
- (d) Resolutions: B. R. King, Daniel Foster, G. C. Duncan and J. M. Cordell.
- (e) Unfinished Business: corresponding delegates together with moderator and clerks.
- (f) Temperance: J. D. Coburn, N. C. Coffee and J. S. Jeffers.

Committee on Divine service reported. Tonight Elders Grant Roberts, Joel Chitwood at Strunk's Lane; Elders M. C. Cross, M. D. Baird and T. M. Ellis at Pine Knot; Elders H. M. Cross, J. D. Coburn and B. R. King at Marsh Creek; Elders R. Ellis and W. R. Hamby at Sulphur Springs; Elders E. D. Daugherty and J. H. Sanders at Lay Ford; Elders J. W. Stanley, and J. B. Troxel at Hickory Grove; Elders A. H. Watson and J. S. Jeffers at A. M. Spradlin's house; Elders Jesse Lay, G. B. Lay, R. C. Cecil at the Green School House; tomorrow at the stand Elders Jno. Blevins, Joel Chitwood, R. Ellis and H. M. Cross.

Voted that our next annual session be held with Zion church, Gum Fork, Tenn., and that Elder H. Maynard Cross preach the introductory sermon; alternate S. G. Morgan.

Adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow. Prayer by Elder M. C. Cross.

SECOND DAY.

The Association met Saturday about 9:30 a. m. 23rd Psalm read by the moderator. Prayer.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and received. At this point the brethren present from South Union Association were invited to seats. Elders M. Lay and Solomon Cox accepted.

Committee on unfinished business reported. Report read, received and committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows: to Hiwassee, meets at Concord church, about 8 miles east of Roddy, Friday before 4th Saturday in September, 1905, Elders M. C. Cross, S. G. Morgan, G. B. Lay, R. C. Cecil and Brother W. C. Shelton; to South Union, meets at Wolf Creek church, about 2 miles south-west of Pleasant View, Ky., Friday before fourth Saturday in September, 1905, Elders J. R. Lay, A. J. Kidd, M. D. Baird, H. M. Cross, G. C. Duncan and Bros Calvin Baker, H. M. Duncan and W. L. Price; to New River Elders A. J. Kidd, S. G. Morgan, G. C. Duncan, F. Terry, A. J. Phillips, H. M. Cross, and Brother E. Newport; to Stocton's Valley, meets at Little Crab church, 7 1/2 miles south-west of Jamestown, Fentress county, Tenn., 2nd. Saturday, September, 1905, Elders John Foster, J. W. Stanley, G. B. Lay, A. H. Watson, B. R. King and A. H. Spradlin; to South Concord, meets at Taylor's Grove, 1 mile west of Stupensville, Wayne county, Ky, on Friday before 1st. Saturday, October, 1905, Elders A. H. Watson, A. J. Kidd, B. R. King, H. C. Daugherty and Brothers H. M. Duncan, J. W. Spradlin and I. S. Jones.

Committee on Divine Service reported. Tonight Elders M. Lay, E. R. King, Joel Chitwood at the church; Elders G. B. Lay and A. J. Phillips at Strunk; Elders J. W. Stanley, Jno. Blevins and M. C. Cross at the Green School House; Elders Jesse Lay and J. D. Coburn at A. M. Spradlin's house; Elders W. R. Hamby and J. B. Troxel at Hickory Gove; Elders H. M. Cross, T. M. Ellis and R. Ellis at Pleasant Grove; tomorrow at the stand Elders M. Lay, I. M. Cordell, W. R. Hamby, A. H. Watson, J. D. Coburn and G. C. Duncan.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Report read, committee discharged. [See report.]

Committee on Queries report no queries.

Committee on Temperance reported. Report read and received and committee discharged.

Committee on Sunday Schools reported. Second Bethlehem church, Win-

field, Tenn., selected as the place of the first meeting of "The West Union S. S. Convention." Time 2nd Saturday of May, 1905, and each church composing this body is requested to organize a Sunday School and the moderators of the churches are especially requested to look after the interest of said schools and report to convention in 1905.

Committee on Resolutions reported. Report read adopted and committee discharged.

Committee on Finance reported \$2.50 delegates expenses and \$29.19 for printing. Total, \$31.69

Report of W. J. Jeffers, treasurer of West Union Association :

On hand Oct. 10, 1903		\$ 5 33
Received Oct. 10, 1903		27 00
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Paid for printing minutes, etc.	\$21 13	
1904, Oct. 8, paid delegates expense	2 66	
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	\$23 79	
Due the association Oct. 8, 1904		\$8 54

Ordered that we have 1,200 copies of the proceedings of this association printed, that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same and that he be allowed \$7.00 for his services. Reserve 100 copies for corresponding associations.

Resolutions.

1. Resolved, That there shall be no ecclesiastical power used in this association.

2. Resolved, That all questions coming before this body for its consideration shall be by motion attended by a second. All questions shall be open for debate.

3. Resolved, That we advise each church to limit its delegates to three of the lay members, ministers not limited.

4. Resolved, That we advise our churches not to send delegates that are members of other churches.

5. Resolved, That we advise our churches not to allow the doctrine of apostasy, modern sanctification advocated in their churches, school houses or homes.

6. Resolved, That we advise our churches to abstain from dealing in intoxicating drinks, and election bribery in any form, box suppers or anything that is not according to the word of God.

7. Be it further Resolved, That this body return sincere thanks to Pine Knot church and the entire community for their generous hospitality and tender regard for our comfort during our stay with them.

Minutes of today's proceedings read and received. The session was har-

monious. One of the most pleasant and we hope one of the most profitable for many years.

Song, "The Time is Swiftly Rolling On," and took the fraternal grasp in hopes of meeting at Zion one year hence, and if not permitted to meet there we hope by the grace of God to meet where parting is not known.

W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk, Bowl, Tenn.

ELDER S. W. MORGAN, Moderator, Pine Knot, Ky.

Obituaries.

Pheby Phillips, Feb 15, 1872, departed this life Nov. 11, 1903. She was a pious and devoted member of the Cherry Fork church for several years. She died in the full triumph of faith and has gone, we hope, to reap her reward in glory. She leaves a husband and one child. May they so walk as to meet and live with mother in heaven.

Nancy E Foster, born July 27, 1853, departed this life Aug. 2, 1904. She was a devoted member of the Baptist family about 10 years and has gone, we hope, to live in glory. She leaves a husband and five children, who have our prayers and sympathies. May they all be prepared while here to meet and live with her in that world of bliss.

Harrison Phillips, born Oct 26, 1872, departed this life Oct. 20, 1903. He was a devoted member of the Antioch church for four years. He died in the full triumph of faith and has gone, we hope, to reap his reward in heaven. He leaves a wife and three children. May God bless them through life's journey and may they so walk as to meet and live with him in that bright world above.

Wm Smither, born Feb. 16, 1830, departed this life Oct 24, 1903. He was a member of the Baptist family for many years, was a devout member of Bethesda church at the time of his departure, bade his friends farewell and said "I see my way clear from earth to heaven."

We, your committee, note with sadness the departure of eleven others who were members of the great Baptist family and who have gone, we hope, to the climes of never ending joy.

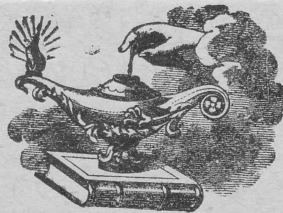
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T. M. ELLIS, } Committee.
N. TAYLOR, }
W. R. HAMBY. }



APPENDIX.

Mames and Post Office Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

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Baird, Jesse, Elk Valley.
Chambers, A. J., Bowl, Tenn.
Cross, M. C., Byrd.
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Cross, H. M., Gum Fork.
Crabtree, W. A., Winfield.
Chambers, J. M., Bowl.
Cecil, R. C., Almy.
Duncan, G. C., Winfield.
Daugherty, E. D., Winfield.
Daugherty, H. C., Winfield.
Douglass, Wm., Newcomb.
Douglass, W. B., Elk Valley.
Ellis, Wm., Almy.
Ellis, T. M., Bowl.
Gregory, A. M., Oneida.
Griffith, J. M., Mill Creek.
Hale, John, Buckeye.
Hale, W. B., Buckeye.
Harness, John, Hughett.
Hamby, W. R., Winfield.
King, B. R., Pine Knot, Ky.
Lay, G. B., Bowl.
Lay, James, Bowl.
Lay, Jesse, Isham.
Marcum, Joe, Bowl.
Murphey, M. C., Strunk, Ky.
Morgan, S. G., Pine Knot, Ky.
Owens, D. W., Bowl.
Pennington, W. T., Almy.
Perry, Wesley, Pine Knot, Ky.
Phillips, A. J., Almy.
Phillips, J. G. Hellenwood.
Royden, J. R., Oneida.
Sanders, J. H., Robins.
Sexton, Wm., Elk Valley, Tenn.
Sexton, Monroe, Almy.
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IS IT WISE?

WE HAVE been informed that there are Baptist Sunday schools which have yielded to the solicitations, personal and otherwise, of an undenominational publishing house, and which are taking, in whole or in part, the literature of that house in preference to the literature of their own Publication Society. In view of this information we desire to put the question, *Is it wise?* to pastors, Sunday school officers and teachers who may have been thus influenced.

Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a merely negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for our denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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