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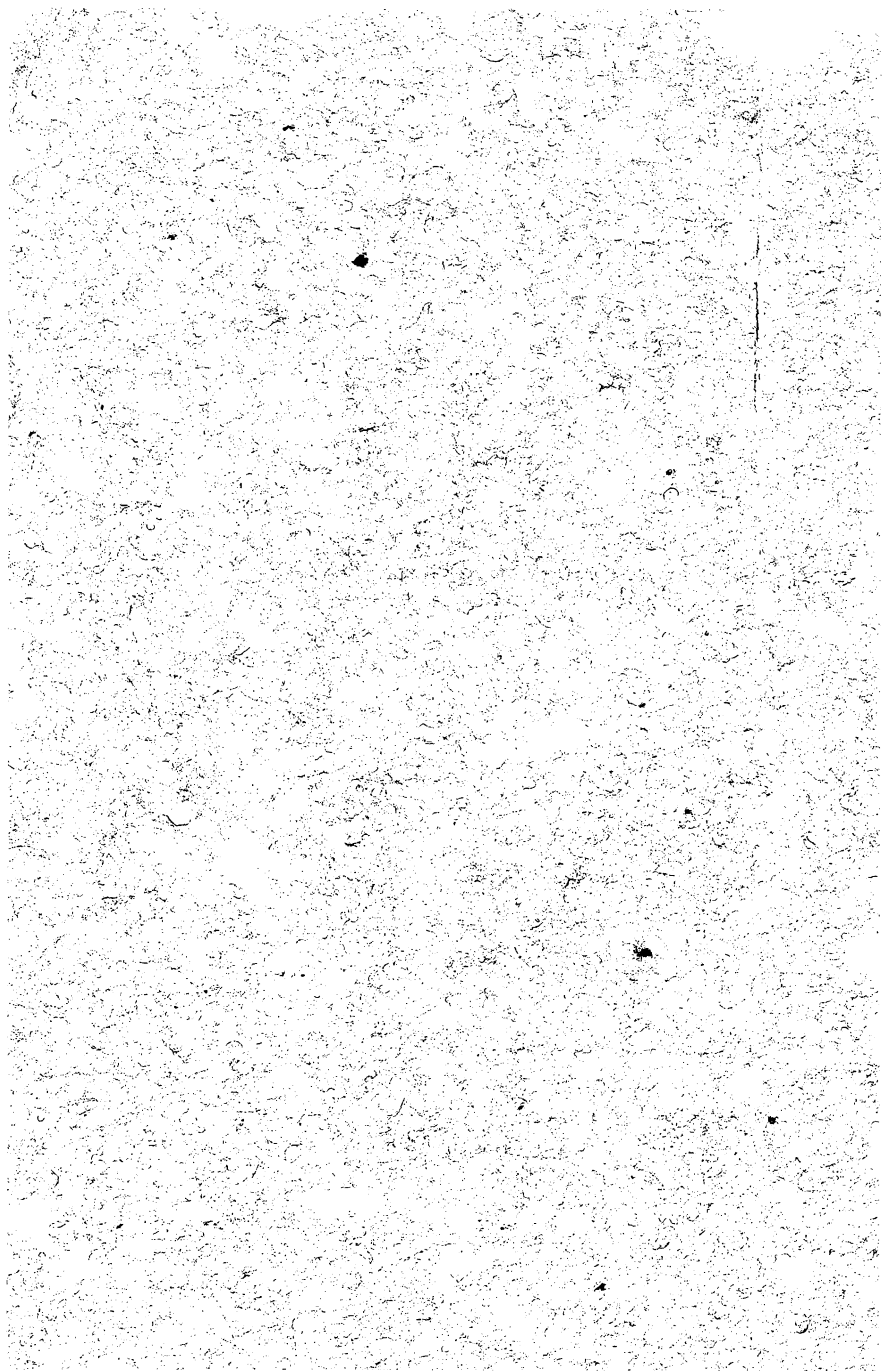
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FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 7, 1917

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. After singing and prayer by Elder Steve King, Elder K. K. Spencer preached the introductory sermon from the 2nd Chapter and 15th verse of Luke, after which the messengers assembled at the church house to transact the business of the Association.

After singing and prayer by Elder E. M. Tacket, letters and messengers from the different churches were received, as shown in table of statistics.

By private ballot Elder William Combs was chosen Moderator and M. V. Bates, Clerk, S. H. Kash, Assistant Clerk.

By motion and second letters from new churches called for and a letter from Clear Branch church came forward and was received. No messenger on account of sickness was sent by Brother Dave Roberts, also corresponding letters from sister associations called for and a letter was received by the hands of the following brethren: Elder S. P. Tincer, Bros. W. W. Elam and J. H. Elam. Also a letter from Rock Spring Association by Elder E. M. Tacket, Brother W. B. Tacket. All the corresponding messengers were given the right hand of fellowship and invited to seats with us. There was no letter from the New Liberty Association. Don't know cause.

By motion and second the Moderator made all temporary appointments. The Moderator appointed the following committees on arrangements, to-wit: Elders W. H. Chambers, S. A. Amburgey, Alvin Spencer, Brothers Harrison Swango, John Dunn, S. H. Kash, Dave Roberts, J. H. Barker and David Adams, same to be committee on preaching, and to report Saturday morning at 9 o'clock. Committee on preaching named Elders S. A. Amburgey, Charles Robbins and S. P. Tincer to preach on Saturday. Motion and second that we write letters of correspondence to sister associations. M. V. Bates appoined to write to Burning Spring; S. H. Kash to Rock Spring, and Elder W. H. Chambers to New Liberty Association. Motion and second that transient ministers be call-

ed for and Elders W. H. Chambers from Stillwater, and Elder Ira Wells from Wells Chapel, came forward and were received.

SATURDAY MORNING, SEPT. 8, 1917.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder S. P. Tincher.

Roll call messengers present.

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

The Moderator appointed M. V. Bates and S. H. Kash finance committee to see to printing and distribution of minutes and to make the following report:

Stillwater	\$ 3.00
Wells Chapel	1.25
Mud Lick	1.35
Pine Hill	2.00
Mountain Chapel	1.50
Clear Branch50
Hopewell	2.50
Samaria	2.00
Total	\$14.10
Expenses paid by clerk more than had on hand, 1916,	1.07
Total	\$13.03

Corresponding letters to sister associations called for. Brother M. V. Bates brought forward a letter to Burning Spring Association, read and received. Brothers S. H. Kash, M. V. Bates, Elders W. H. Chambers, W. L. Kash, Jeff Brewer agreed to bear same to above named association when convened with Bethel Chapel church in Morgan County, Ky., on Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1918, letter delivered to S. H. Kash. Brother S. H. Kash presented a letter to Rock Spring Association, read and received. Elders S. A. Amburgey, William Combs, W. H. Chambers, Brothers S. H. Kash and M. V. Bates agree to bear same to above named association when convened with Globe church, Carter County, Ky., beginning on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1918. letter delivered to W. H. Chambers.

Elder W. H. Chambers presented a letter to the New Liberty Association, read, and received. Elders W. L. Kash, W. H. Chambers, S. A. Amburgey agreed to bear same to above named association when convened with the church they hold their next association, beginning on Friday before the first Saturday in September, 1918. Letter delivered to W. L. Kash.

Resolved—that we hold our next association with Samaria church, Forest County, Wis., beginning Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1918, and the two following days. By private ballot Elder W. H. Chambers was chosen to preach our next introductory sermon and Elder K. K. Spencer his alternate.

The committee on preaching designated Elders E. M. Tacket and W. M. Chambers to preach on Sunday; Elder William Combs to close.

Resolved—that we tender our thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for the hospitality manifested during the association.

Resolved—that we adjourn until Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1918.

Done by order of the association.

ELDER WM. COMBS, Moderator.

M. V. BATES, Clerk.

S. H. KASH, Asst. Clerk.

SUNDAY MORNING, SEPT. 9, 1917.

A large congregation assembled at the stand. Services introduced by singing and prayer, after which Elder E. M. Tacket preached from the text 56th chapter Isaiah, 11th verse; Elder W. H. Chambers from the 7th chapter, 46th verse of John. The Lord through them, delivered interesting and edifying sermons, which were well received, closing with a general love feast.

Printers fee \$15.00.

S. H. KASH, Asst. Clerk.

M. V. BATES, Clerk.

NAMES OF CLERKS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Stillwater—Harrison Swango, Landsaw, Ky.

Wells Chapel—J. H. Barker, Hazel Green, Ky.

Mud Lick—John Dunn, Simpson, Ky.

Pine Hill—Isaiah Spencer, Zachariah, Ky.

Mountain Chapel—T. E. Wise, Pilot, Ky.

Clear Branch—William Dawson, pro. Slade, Ky.

Hopewell—M. V. Bates, Means, Ky.

Samaria—P. H. Spencer, Alvin, Wis.

NAMES OF MINISTERS AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Stillwater—Elders W. H. Chambers, Jeff Brewer and Steve King, Stillwater, Ky.

Wells Chapel—Elders Ira Wells, Dayboro, Ky.; Charles Robbins, Nashville, Tenn.

Mud Lick—Elder K. K. Spencer, Indianbottom, Ky.

Pine Hill—Elders J. D. Edward, Hazel Green, Ky.; I. Bowlin, David Adams, Zachariah, Ky.

Mountain Chapel—No ministers.

Consolation—Elder J. P. Spencer, Tabor, Ky.

Hopewell—Elders Wm. Combs and S. A. Amburgey, Means, Ky.

Samaria—Elders Alvin Spencer and Wm. Powell, Alvin, Wis.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

From a long series of experience, we, the Churches of Jesus Christ, being regularly baptized by 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 one only true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory, yet there are not three Gods, but one God.

Article 2. We believe in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the infallible 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 posterity, the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or 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 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 there shall 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 doctrine or opinion of men that does not comport with the principles of this Constitution, and if they fail to do so, it shall be considered a violation 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 voice.

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 arise and address the Moderator when he is about to speak.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by any one, 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 arise 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 a 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.

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

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

Article 16. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these laws, shall be reprov'd as the Association shall think proper.

Statistical Report of
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CHURCHES	MESSENGERS	Ordained Ministers	Licentiates	By Ex and Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Restored	Total Membership	Saturday of Meeting
1st District	First District										
Stillwater	Elders Jeff Brewer; S. H. Kash, Harrison Swango	4						1		27	1
Wells Chapel	Elder Charles Robbins, Bros. Tobias Robbins and J. H. Barker	2								21	4
Mud Lick	Elder K. K. Spencer, Bros. John Dunn and Meniffee Dunn	1						1		27	3
2d District	Second District										
Pine Hill	Elder David Adams, Bros. Wm. Shoemaker and Fred Adams	3			2	4	2			126	2
Mt. Chapel	Bros. David Roberts and San- ford Hall	1				5		2	2	33	3
Clear Branch	Sent by David Roberts				2					7	4
3d District	Third District										
Hopewell	Elder Wm. Combs, S. A. Am- burgey and M. V. Bates	2		3	2					52	2
Samaria	Elder Alvin Spencer	2					1			21	3