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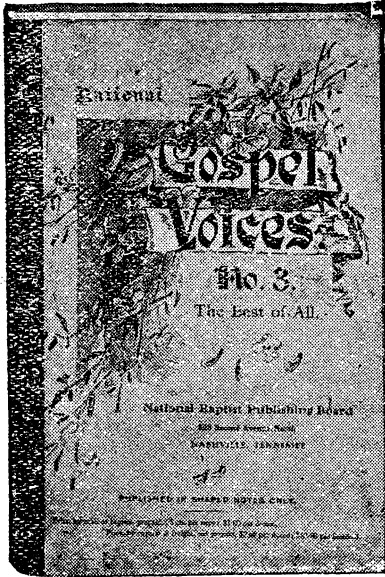
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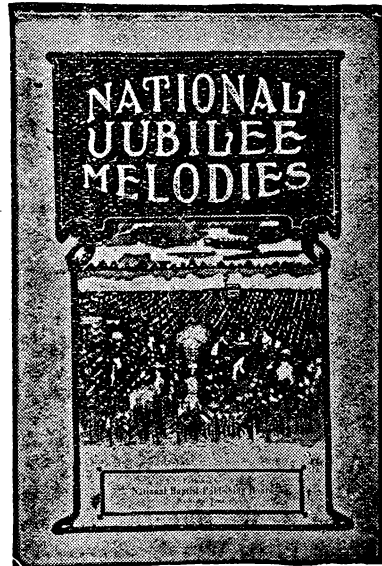
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# PROCEEDINGS

## First Day Session

The Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Devotional service was opened by Brother H. Bass, who sang, "This is the Union of the Lord," and offered prayer. The Moderator then sang, "Of all the themes we mortals know" and made some timely remarks. Scripture lesson was read from 90th Division of Psalms. He then introduced Elder H. Covington, the appointee, who lined, "Lord teach me how to pray," and preached the introductory sermon, choosing for his text, Matt. 1:2. Many hearts were made to rejoice; after which a collection of \$16.67 was lifted. Adjournment being in order, we adjourned for thirty minutes, then we met at the church and organized. The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Scripture lesson was read by Elder D. A. Kimbro, from Eph. 4. The Moderator then sang, "Firmly I stand on Zion's Hill." Prayer by Brother Johnnie Hardaman. At this hour the Moderator sent Brothers Oliver Roberts, Thomas Butler, and Elder Alonza Johnson to fill the stand. The Moderator, then made some remarks followed by the other officers.

The Association was then organized by choosing Elder Z. W. Hill, Moderator; Elder P. H. Weakly, Assistant Moderator; Elder D. A. Kimbro, Clerk; Elder H. Covington, Assistant Clerk; Brother L. W. Leath, Treasurer.

On motion it was agreed that the Moderator appoint all committees.

The following were appointed:

On Arrangements—Elder Z. W. Hill, Brothers John Majors, A. Taylor, Ed. Jordan, John Hardaman, B. Haly.

On Correspondence—Elder H. Covington, Brother E. Andrews, Ed. Nelson, Tom Hays.

On Finance—Brother A. Watson, H. Bass, L. W. Leath, H. Osborn, R. C. Hellem, R. Vaughtner, Miles Mosley.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangement:

At the tent Saturday night, Elder B. Smith and Elder P. H. Weakly. Sunday, September 25, at the tent, at 11:00 a. m., Elder D. D. Word, and Elder D. A. Kimbro; at 3:00 p. m., Elder E. Holland and Elder

E. Foster; at 7:30 p. m., Elder Sam Wady, Elder S. Bryant, and Elder H. Covington. We then adjourned to meet Monday at 8:00 a. m.

#### Saturday Night Session

Saturday night, at the tent, service was opened by Brother Robert Vaughter, who sang "The day has passed and gone," and offered prayer. Brother P. Watson, sang, "Firmly I stand on Zion's Hill," and offered prayer. Scripture lesson was read by Elder P. H. Weakly, Assistant Moderator, from the 77th Division of the Psalms. Collection \$22.26 Brother Hatten Blackman was introduced, who was to be tried before a Presbytery of Elders to see whether he was worthy of ordaining. He chose for his text, 1 Cor. 3:11. He preached a soul stirring sermon that gave the brethren satisfaction, so they counted him worthy to be set apart to the sacred work of the ministry. Elder P. H. Weakly was introduced, who sang "Behold a sure foundation stone." He chose for his text, Matt. 16:18. He preached a great sermon.

#### Sunday Session

Devotional service was opened by Brother John Majors, A. Taylor, T. Hayes. Each sang and offered prayer. Next, Elder Hill, Moderator, sang, "Lord teach me how to pray." Prayer by Rev. J. A. Crutcher. Collection, \$31.00. Elder D. D. Word was introduced, who sang, "Now in thy power eternal King." Text, 1 Tim. 17; followed by Elder D. A. Kimbro, who sang, "Hark don't you hear the turtle dove." Text, Isaiah 49:21. They both preached great sermons.

At 2:00 p. m., after devotion, collection of \$26.00. Then Elder A. Holland was introduced. Text, John first chapter and first verse followed by Elder E. Foster. The messenger from Big Harperth, sang, "See what a living stone, the builders did refuse." Text, Isaiah first chapter and eighteenth verse.

#### Sunday Night Session

After devotional exercise collection of \$26.15 was taken. Next, Elder Dawson was introduced, who chose for his text Gal. first chapter, and third verse, followed by Elder S. Wady, who sang, "How strong thy arm Almighty God." Text, Eph. 2:20, followed by Elder H. Covington, who lined, "On Jordan stormy banks I stand." Text, Jonah 1:4. All preached wonderful sermons.

#### Monday Session

The house was called to order by the Association Moderator, Elder P. H. Weakly, who read for scripture lesson 32nd chapter of Deut. Prayer by Brother Willie Watkins, after which the Moderator, Elder Hill

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made some timely remarks; followed by Elder Kimbro, and Elder Covington.

Next the names of the messengers were enrolled and the churches called for. After all the letters received, petitionary letters were called for, none received. Next corresponding letters from the Association were called for and received, one from Big Harperth by her messenger, Elder E. Foster. Friendship did not send a letter, but she was represented, received, and asked for continuation of correspondence.

Next the Messengers and Elders were given the right hand of fellowship.

Next the different committees were called for:

Committee on Arrangements made their report: That all appointments filled according to previous arrangements except Brother B. Smith, Brother H. Blackman filled his place and Elder S. Bryant, who failed to come.

The report of the committee was received and on motion the committee was discharged.

Committee on Correspondence made their report.

On motion the report was received and the committee to be dismissed.

The Committee on Finance made their report.

On motion the report was received and the committee to be discharged, when all the financial matters were settled.

Report of Committee from Churches .....	\$ 79 00
From Congregation .....	133 65
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Total .....	\$212 65

## EXPENSES

Printing Minutes and Distributing .....	\$29 00
For Ice and Water .....	3 00
Moderator .....	25 00
Assistant Moderator .....	15 00
Clerk .....	20 00
Assistant Clerk .....	15 00
Tr asurer .....	5 00
Elder P. H. Weakly for Representing .....	13 96
Elder D. A. Kimbro for Representing .....	11 04
Elder Z. W. Hill for Representing .....	9 78
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Total Expenses .....	\$146 78

## DISBURSMENTS

Donated to the Church on Tent .....	\$15 00
Elder E. Foster .....	15 00
Elder D. D. Word .....	5 00

Elder B. Smith .....	2 00
Elder A. Johnson .....	2 00
Elder J. Taylor .....	2 00
Sister Sophia Hays and Sister Bettie Childress .....	6 00
Brother Harrison Seward .....	2 00
Robert Vaughter and H. Bass .....	4 00
For Charter .....	7 25
Donated to H. Covington .....	5 00

Total .....	\$65 25
Grand Total Expenditures .....	\$212 03
Left in Treasurer .....	86

Elders to bear letters to the different associations:

To Friendship, Elder D. A. Kimbro; To Big Harperth, Elder H. Covington.

On motion it was agreed to hold the next Annual Session of Cumberland Association with the Mt. Zion Primitive Baptist Church, at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, beginning on Saturday before the Fourth Sunday in September, 1928. Elder P. H. Weakly to preach the introductory sermon. Elder Z. W. Hill alternate.

On motion the Association extended to Hill Tabernacle their heartfelt thanks for kindness shown them while in their midst.

On motion it was agreed to have 600 Minutes printed. We had a glorious session, everyone seemed to enjoy the occasion. We had some great sermons delivered and we are moving on. We have met with many obstacles, but the church is moving on. God's Church shall move on till it shall fill the whole earth, move on till mercy and truth shall meet together, righteousness and peace shall kiss each other.

On motion it was agreed that the Moderator and Clerk correct any mistakes made while in session at Hill Tabernacle Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, September, 24-25-26-1927.

ELDER Z. W. HILL, Moderator.

ELDER P. H. WEAKLY, Assistant Moderator.

ELDER D. A. KIMBRO, Clerk.

ELDER H. COVINGTON Assistant Clerk.

BROTHER L. W. LEATH, Treasurer.

#### ROLL OF ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

Elder A. M. Bedford, Eagleville, Tenn., R. No. 1.

Elder D. A. Kimbro, Murfreesboro, Tenn.

Elder J. W. Baty, Murfreesboro, Tenn., R. No. 9.

Elder H. Covington, 1229 1st Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder Z. W. Hill, 701 Overton St., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder P. H. Weakly, 1904 Cartwright St., Nashville, Tenn.

Elder J. Progue, 800 19th Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn.



- . Elder G. Bostic, Nashville, Tenn.
- . Elder G. Brown, Nashville, Tenn.
- Elder B. Hyde, Nashville, Tenn.
- Elder M. Mabry, Murfreesboro, Tenn.
- Elder R. Webb, McMinnville, Tenn.

**LICENTIATES.**

J. Spann, W. Rucker, Walter Blackman, W. Watkins,

**ROLL OF DECEASED ELDERS**

Elder W. M. Clayton, T. E. Crawly, D. Childress, D. D. McNary, R. House, W. M. Scott, H. Kimbro, M. Williams, C. Childress, K. Lillard, L. Mason, T. Blackman, John Nelson, J. Hayes.

**FORM OF LETTER.**

We the church of Christ of the Primitive order of Baptist at.....  
 .....met in council on the .....finding ourselves  
 in peace and in full fellowship. We chose our beloved brethren.....  
 .....our messengers to bear this epistle of  
 love to you whom we hope you will receive and grant a seat with  
 you in your Godly council. Any favor shown them will be ap-  
 preciated by us. Dear brethren, we pray that you may have a  
 glorious session and the Holy Spirit will guide you and the dove  
 of peace may hover over you. Pray for us. Since the last Associa-  
 tion, received by baptism.....by letter.....  
 dismissed .....by letter .....restored .....  
 excluded .....dead total .....Meet-  
 ing day ...'.....Contribution \$.....  
 Pastor .....  
 Clerk .....

**CONSTITUTION**

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland As-  
sociation of the Primitive Order of Baptists.

Article 2. As an Association is a body formed for the purpose of  
obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of the churches,  
maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in  
cases of difficulty, etc., this Association shall therefore exercise no  
authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall  
regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their act, and  
never pass any censure or animadversion thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such  
as hold the following doctrines, viz.: The unity of God; the exis-  
tence of three equal powers in the Godhead, the just condemnation and  
total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; per-

sonal and unconditional election of Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is, he is the true elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to the church fellowship; the resurrection of the body, (at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with the selfsame bodies and none other, although with different qualifications which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the unjust shall by the power of Christ be raised to dishonor;— the bodies of the just by His Spirit unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body); the general judgment, the final happiness of the saints and the misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the Divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the article of faith expressed in this Constitution, shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to represent herself by these messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association containing the names of the messengers, her number baptized, received, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased, and number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over the Association during its session, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions, but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a true minute of all the proceedings of the Association, and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep charge of moneys the Association, to pay the same, or any part thereof, at any and all times, the order of the Association which order shall always be furnished him in writing signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements, and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

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Article 10. Alterations and amendments to this Constitution may be made by a majority of the Association whenever they may deem it necessary.

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### ARTICLE OF FAITH

1. We believe in only one true and living God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the Word of God, and the only rules of faith and practice.
3. We believe in the doctrine of Election, and that God chose his people in Christ before the foundation of the world.
4. We believe in the doctrine of Original Sin.
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 power.
6. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by imputed righteousness of Christ.
7. We believe that God's elect shall be called, converted, regenerated and sanctified by the Holy Spirit.
8. We believe that the saints shall persevere in grace and never fall finally away.
9. We believe that baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the washing of saints' feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and that true believers are the subjects and that the only true mode of baptism is immersion.
10. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and general judgment.
11. We believe in the punishment of the wicked and that the joys of the righteous shall be eternal.
12. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances, only such as are regularly baptized, called and come under the imposition of hands of the Presbytery.
13. We believe that none but regular baptized members have a right to commune at the Lord's Table.

### RULES OF DECORUM

1. 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 brother.
2. The privileges and authority of the Moderator shall be respected by all members; yet he shall not be arbitrary in exercising them. He shall decide questions of order and property, but from this decision an appeal, if seconded, may be made to the Association, and the decision of the Association shall be binding on all parties.
3. The Moderator shall vote no case unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall have

the same privileges of speaking as other members providing he calls some other member of the body to the chair.

4. 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 his subject or makes use of personal reflection. He shall not speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the Association, unless to explain what has not been understood or misrepresented.

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

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

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

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

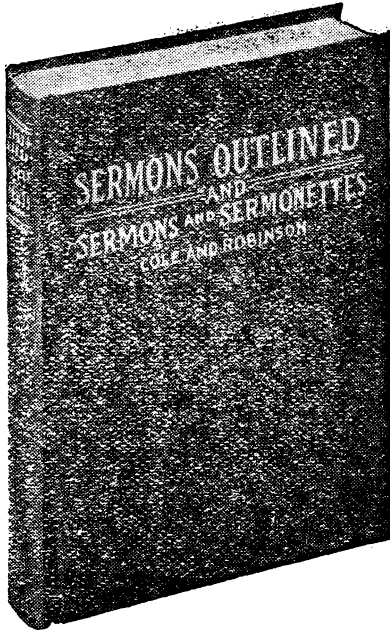
9. The clerk shall enroll the names of the delegates, record the proceedings of the body, and discharge such other duties as the Association may direct.

10. Minutes of the Association shall be read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk before the Association rises.



STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	MESSENGRS	Received by Baptism	By Letter.	Dismissed by Letter.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dead.	Total.	Contributions.	Meeting Day.	PASTORS
St. Luke	H. Bass, P. Johnson, A. Taylor, R. Vaughter	2	4	0	1	4	4	103	\$20 00	4	H. Covington
Mt. Zion	H. Childress, H. Orsbon, J. Majors, G. Summers	12	0	0	1	1	2	137	12 00	2	D. A. Kimbro 2/A. Bedford
Ebenezer										4	
Green Grove										3	
Cedar Grove										2	
Holly Grove										4	
Ash Grove										3	
Shady Grove										2	
Antioch	Ben. Haly, A. Jones	2	0	0	0	0	1	25	3 00	1	J. Baty 1/Z. W. Hill
Rocky Fork	L. W. Leath, A. Akins, J. Malone	5	1	0	0	0	1	46	5 50	1	D. A. Kimbro
St. Peter	P. Duchanan, T. Hayes	1	1	0	0	0	0	15	4 00	2	
Stone's River										3	P. H. Weakly 1/A. Bedford
Walker's Chapel	R. C. Helmn	3	0	0	0	0	0	26	4 00	2	P. H. Weakly 1/J. Baty
Mt. Gilead										1	
Hills Tabernacle	R. Anderson, A. Watson, E. D. Jordan	25	3	0	6	8	2	185	30 50	2	Z. W. Hill



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