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FIRST DAY—SATURDAY.

September 22, 1928.

The forty-eighth session of the Cumberland Association was called to order by the Moderator Eld. Z. W. Hill. Devotion was conducted by Bro. Zack Cheatham and Bro. H. Bass, who sang and offered prayer, after which the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill, read for opening lesson the 57th Division of the Psalms and sang, "Of all the themes we mortals know." After this Elder D. A. Kimbro extended welcome to the association. The Moderator then introduced Elder P. H. Weakly, who arose and lined Hymn, "Firmly I stand on Zion's hill" and preached from Eph. 3:9. Prayer by Bro. Winder McGavock. Collection \$15.20. The Association was dismissed for thirty minutes. After recess the house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill, who read for a lesson the 23rd Psalm. Sang, "The Lord my Shepherd is." Prayer by Eld. H. Covington. Song by Eld. A. Hollins, "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep?" The Council was addressed by the Moderator, who gave some wholesome advice. He was followed by remarks by all the officers. The Council proceeded to organize.

On motion it was agreed that all officers retain their office for the next twelve months.

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

The following committees were appointed:—

Committee on Arrangements:—Eld. D. A. Kimbro, Bro. T. B. Cragwall, A. Taylor, A. Watson.

Committee on Correspondence:—Eld. H. Blackman, Bro. Robert Vaughter, H. Bass, Prater Johnson, A. Jones.

Committee on Finance:—Bro. A. Watson, H. Bass, L. W. Leath, Robert Andrews, Winder McGavock, Tom Blythe, Albert Allen.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following appointments for preaching:

At the Stand at 7:30 P. M.: Eld. H. Blackman, Bro. Robert Vaughter, Bro. Zack Cheatham.

Sunday at 11 a. m.: Eld. Mat Gardner and Eld. D. A. Kimbro.

At 2:30 p. m.: Eld. Alex Hollins and Eld. Z. W. Hill.

Sunday night at 7:30: Eld. D. D. Word and Eld. H. Covington.

The names of the messengers were enrolled and corresponding letters called for, read and adopted.

On motion the house adjourned to meet Monday at 9 a. m.

SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE STAND

Devotion was conducted by Bro. A. Jones, who sang, "Amazing grace, how sweet it sounds." Prayer by Bro. Luke Andrews. Scripture lesson by the Moderator from Isa. 53. Bro. Zack Cheatham was introduced and preached from Matt. 5:27. Collection \$6.35. Bro. Robert Vaughter was the next speaker. Song, "The day is past and gone." Text: Isa. 43:11 followed by Eld. H. Blackman, who sang, "The evening sun is almost down." Text Matt. 21:42. Benediction by Elder Hollins.

SUNDAY MORNING—SECOND DAY.

Devotion by Bro. Tom Hays, who sang, "Lord teach me how to pray," and offered prayer. Scripture lesson by Eld. Hill from Prov. 3rd chapter. Song, "Firmly I stand on Zion's hill." Prayer by Bro. Harris. Song, "Of all the themes we mortals know." Collection. \$26.02.

Eld. Matt Gardner, the messenger from the Indian Creek Association was introduced. He lined hymn, "Amazing grace how sweet it sounds." Text Prov. 8:20 followed by Eld. D. A. Kimbro, who lined, "Hark! don't you hear the turtle dove." Text Matt. 7:12.

Evening Session.

After devotion a collection of \$15.38 was lifted. Eld. Alex Hollins, the messenger from Big Harper Association, was introduced. He lined "Shall wisdom cry aloud?" Text Romans 11:1. Next followed by Eld. Z. W. Hill, the Moderator of the Cumberland Association, who lined hymn, "The Lord my Shepherd is." Text Isa. 5:6.

Night Session.

Devotion was conducted by Bro. H. Bass, who conducted song and prayer. Scripture lesson by Eld. P. H. Weakly, 1st Division of Psalms. Collection \$8.71. The Moderator introduced Eld. D. D. Word, who chose for his text Matt. 28:2, followed by Eld. H. Covington. Benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—Morning Session.

On Monday morning the house was called to order by the Moderator, who made some timely remarks and then read a Scripture lesson from 43rd chapter of Isaiah. He lined and sang a hymn; prayer by Bro. Will Rucker. Letters from the different churches were called for and received. No petitionary letters were offered. The corresponding messengers and elders were given the right hand of fellowship. The different committees were called for.

ON ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee on Arrangements made the following report: All appointments filled according to arrangements. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

ON CORRESPONDENCE

The Committee on Correspondence made the following report:

Big Harper, a letter and messenger in the person of Eld. A. Hollins. Indian Creek, letter and messenger in the person of Eld. Matt Gardner.

The committee recommended that we correspond the same way. The report was adopted and the committee discharged.

ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance made the following report:

From churches	\$100.20
From congregation	71.52
Total	<u>\$171.72</u>

On motion the report of the committee was received and committee discharged when all matters pertaining to the finance was settled. Carried.

EXPENSES FOR THE ASSOCIATION

DISBURSEMENTS

Water and ice	\$ 2.00
Printing minutes and distributing	27.00
Moderator	15.00
Assistant Moderator	8.00
Clerk	15.00
Assistant Clerk	8.00
Eld. Hill for representing	14.00
Eld. H. Covington for representing	5.82
Donated Eld. A. Hollins	5.00
Donated Eld. M. Gardner	5.00
Donated L. W. Leath	2.00
Donated Eld. D. D. Word	2.00
Donated Sister Sophia Hays	2.00
Total disbursements	<u>\$110.00</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$ 61.72

Messengers to Bear letters to the different associations:

To Big Harper, Columbia, Tenn., Eld. D. A. Kimbro.

To Indian Creek, Gurley, Ala., Eld. P. H. Weakly.

On motion it was agreed that we hold an Elders and Deacons' meeting at St. Luke, Nashville, Tenn., beginning on Saturday before the

fourth Sunday in November, which is Nov. 24, 1928. An invitation is extended to all Primitive Baptists to be present.

On motion it was agreed that we hold the next annual session of the Cumberland Association with the Hill Tabernacle Baptist Church, beginning on Saturday before the fourth Saturday in Sept. 1929. Eld. D. A. Kimbro to preach the introductory sermon, Eld. H. Covington, alternate.

On motion it was agreed to deposit the money in the name of the Primitive Baptist Cumberland Association, subject to the check of the clerk, Eld. D. A. Kimbro. Carried.

Each church is requested to send in 25c for each member represented in their letter.

On motion the association extended to Elder Kimbro, his church and the people of Murfreesboro their heartfelt thanks for the hospitality shown them while in session here. Carried.

On motion the Moderator and Clerk were empowered to wind up any unfinished business of the association. Carried.

We then adjourned and went to the stand and gave out the appointments; then Bro. Zack Cheatham was tried for license. Eld. D. Word, Eld. Hollins, Eld. Covington, Presbytery. After listening to him the brethren reported him worthy of being licensed to preach the gospel. Then we listened to a sermon by Eld. Gorden, of Big Harper, then the association was closed in prayer by Bro. Blair. In closing the 48th annual session of the Cumberland Association we closed one of the greatest sessions we ever had. We feel thankful to the Almighty God for the great meeting we had. Only a mighty God, who rules in the hearts of men could have enabled the brethren to display such a spirit of love and unity.

ELD. Z. W. HILL, Moderator.

ELD. D. A. KIMBRO, Clerk.

ROLL OF ELDERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES.

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

Elder D. A. Kimbro, Murfreesboro, Tenn., 505 Highland Ave.

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.

Eld. J. H. Blackman, Murfreesboro, 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, Z. Cheatham, 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. Wililams, 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 thefinding 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 baptismby letter
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ing dayContribution \$
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 exist-
ence 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 be-
lievers 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 articles 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.

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

ARTICLES 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 de-

cision 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.

