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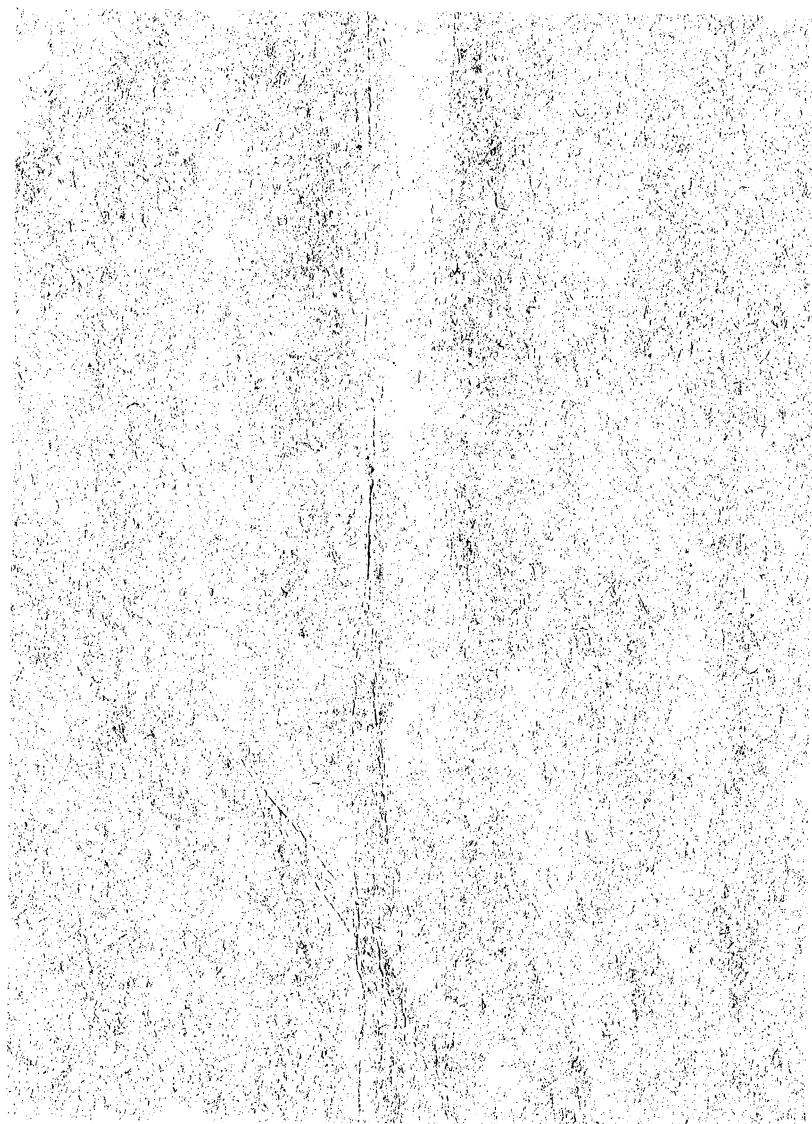
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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The fifty-second annual session of the Cumberland Association was called to order by the moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Devotional service was conducted by Bro. Forest Hill, who sang "Jesus the King I Long to Know." Prayer by Bro. George Armstrong. The moderator then read a Scripture lesson from one hundred and thirty-sixth division of the Psalms; after which Elder J. H. Lee was introduced, who arose and lined hymn No. 215 P. B., and preached the introductory sermon. He used for his text the twenty-sixth verse of the fifth chapter of the Book of Daniel. By the help of God he preached a very interesting sermon. Many were made to rejoice. Next an offering was taken—raised \$11.05.

We then adjourned to meet at the house for general business.

3:00 P. M.—Afternoon Session

The house was called to order by the moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill, who lined hymn No. 215 P. B. Prayer by Elder P. H. Weakly. The moderator then read a Scripture lesson from the twenty-first chapter of the Book of Revelation. Next, after a few brief remarks, the moderator of the Association, Elder Z. W. Hill, granted Elder A. M. Bedford an opportunity to present his case to the Association. He arose and made his statement to the Association. After some little discussion Elder Bedford begged pardon of the Association for his action in leaving the Association and organizing another Association.

On motion Elder Bedford was pardoned and the seven churches were restored back in full fellowship.

Next, the Association was organized by enrolling the names of the Elders and messengers and electing officers.

Motion made by Bro. W. Murdick, seconded by Bro. A. Taylor, that all the present incumbents continue in office. Carried.

At the usual hour for preaching at the tent Bro. W. Watkins and Elder John Polk were sent to the stand.

Next, according to custom, the moderator appointed all committees.

COMMITTEE ON CORRESPONDENCE—Elder Bedford, Elder P. H. Weakly, Elder M. Mabry.

COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS—Elder D. A. Kimbro, Elder Z. W. Hill, Bro. A. Taylor, Bro. G. Knight, Bro. W. Hollins.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE—Bro. A. Watson, F. Hill, A. Taylor, G. Armstrong, W. Murdick, S. Hunter, W. L. Hollins, P. Bass, L. Lyons, H. Tremble, Joe King, H. Elder, D. Carethers, W. Hays, T. B. Cragwall, J. Malone, G. Knight.

On motion it was agreed that we adjourn to meet at 8 o'clock Monday morning. All that were late to pay a fine of twenty-five cents.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangements:

At the tent Saturday night, seven-thirty P. M., Elder Allen Winstead and Elder L. Reynolds, Elder G. Haynes.

Sunday, eleven A. M., Elder A. M. Benifield, Elder A. L. Johnson, Elder D. A. Kimbro.

Sunday at 2 P. M., Elder F. H. Gordon and Elder A. M. Bedford.

Sunday night at seven-thirty, Elder J. H. Hall and Elder Z. W. Hill.

At Allen's Chapel, Elder J. Shepherd and W. M. Taylor.

We then went to the tent and assigned the people to their homes, and adjourned to meet Monday at eight A. M.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7:30 P. M.

On Saturday night devotional service was conducted by Bro. W. Murdick and Bro. Howard Gaines. The moderator then lined hymn, subject, "Sweet rivers of redeeming love," and then read for a Scripture lesson the forty-third chapter of Isaiah. He then introduced Elder L. Reynolds of the Ebenezer Association, who arose and lined a hymn, subject, "Firmly, I stand on Zion's Hill." His text was Revelation first chapter and seventh verse. He was followed by Elder H. Farrell of the Indian Creek Association, who lined hymn No. 48, P. B. book. Text, Revelation tenth chapter, first verse, followed by Elder G. Haynes, who lined a hymn, subject, "See what a living stone." Text, Isaiah the fifty-third chapter and seventh verse; then we adjourned to meet Sunday at ten A. M.

Dismissed by Rev. Jas. Shepherd.

SUNDAY MORNING—Second Day

Sunday morning, second day, Devotional service was conducted by Bro. F. Hill and Rev. A. Jones of Chicago. Each sang and offered prayer. The assistant moderator, Elder P. H. Weakly, read for a Scripture lesson the one hundred and thirty-third division of the Psalms. He then introduced Elder J. A. Benifield, the messenger from Indian Creek, who arose and lined a hymn, subject, "Sweet rivers of redeeming love." Text, Isaiah the thirty-third chapter and the twenty-third verse, followed by Elder A. L. Johnson, the messenger of the Friendship Association, who lined hymn, subject, "I heard the voice of Jesus say." Text, the twenty-second chapter of Genesis and the eighth verse. He was followed by Elder D. A. Kimbro, who lined hymn, subject, "Don't you hear the turtle dove?" Text, St. Luke the second chapter and tenth verse. Many hearts were made to rejoice while the brethren talked to us by the way.

We then adjourned for thirty minutes.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON—3 P. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Elder Sidney Donnel of the Indian Creek Association, who sang and offered prayer. Next Elder F. H. Gordon, the messenger of the Big Harpeth Association, was introduced, who arose, lined hymn, subject, "Shall Wisdom Cry Aloud?" He preached a wonderful sermon, using for his text, Revelation first chapter and eighteenth verse. He was followed by Elder A. M. Bedford, who sang "I Am Going to Live in the Moving City." Text, Revelation first chapter and seventh and eighth verses. He preached a most powerful sermon. We then adjourned to meet at seven-thirty P. M.

SUNDAY EVENING SESSION—7:30

Service was opened by Elder Z. H. Bostic, of the Lynn Creek Association, who lined a hymn, subject, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," and offered prayer. Next Elder J. S. Hall, the messenger, was introduced, who arose and lined a hymn, and preached an acceptable sermon; text, St. Luke the eighth chapter and twenty-fourth verse. He was followed by Elder Z. W. Hill, who lined hymn, subject, "Lord teach me how to pray, and preached a soul-stirring sermon, using for a text Isaiah the

ninth chapter and sixth verse. We were then dismissed to meet Monday morning at Allen's Chapel.

THIRD DAY SESSION—Monday Morning, 8:00 A. M.

The Association met Monday morning pursuant to adjournment. The house was called to order by the moderator. Devotional services conducted by F. Hill, who sang and offered prayer. Next the moderator sang a hymn, subject, "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" He then read a Scripture lesson from the eighth division of the Psalms. Then the moderator made a few brief remarks. Then he called for the report of the churches. After all the churches that were enrolled were received petitionary letters were called for, one was offered by Elder R. Vaughter, which was readily received. Next the corresponding letters were called for, read, received and all accepted, but the letters and messengers from Ebenezer, one from Friendship, and one from Pilgrim Rest.

After some discussion, on motion by Elder Kimbro, seconded by Elder Covington, we agreed to not accept fellowship with three named Associations.

Next the messengers, and corresponding messengers were given the right hand of fellowship. While we were in session we were honored with a visit by some of our most distinguished citizens in the persons of Rev. Frierson, Rev. V. S. Brown, Dr. E. Davis, Prof. S. G. Green, and Dr. J. R. Patterson, all of whom said some very nice things to us.

Next the reports of the different committees were called for. First, Committee on Correspondence. The committee reported that we had present with us messengers from six Associations.

From Big Harpeth, Elder F. H. Gordon; from Lynn Creek, Elder Allen Winstead; from Indian Creek, Elder J. A. Benifield; from Ebenezer, Elder L. Reynolds; from Friendship, Elder A. L. Johnson; from Pilgrim Rest, Elder J. H. Hall. The report of the committee was adopted and the committee discharged.

Next, Committee on Arrangements was called for. The committee reported that all appointments were filled according to arrangement except Elder A. Winstead and A. Jones. They all preached to an appreciative audience.

On motion the report was adopted and the committee discharged.

Next the Committee on Finance was called for, who came forward and made their report.

On motion the report was adopted, but the committee was not to be discharged until all disbursements were made, and all expenses paid. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

Churches	\$128.05
Congregation	43.15
Fines	2.25

Total \$173.45

Expenses

Tent	\$60.00
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Moderator	15.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	4.00
Elder Hill for representing to Indian Creek	9.00

Printing minutes and distributing	15.00
Total expenses	\$168.00
Disbursements	
Donated to Eder A. Winstead	\$3.00
Donated to Eder F. H. Gordon	4.00
Donated to Elder J. A. Benifield	4.00
Donated to Allen's Chapel	2.00
Donated to Sisters Sophia Hay and Clara Ewing	2.00
Donated to Elder A. M. Bedford	2.00
Donated to Elder J. W. Baty	2.00
Donated to Elder Lee	1.00
Donated to Elder Mabry	1.00
Donated to Elder Reynolds	1.00
Total disbursements	22.00

Grand total paid out \$190.00

Finding that we were a little short of funds to meet our obligations the officers of the Association volunteered and donated to the Association five dollars each, which was very much appreciated, and helped us to show kindness to some of the other brethren. Next was the appointing of messengers to bear letters to the sister associations. The following were appointed.

To Big Harpeth—Elder A. M. Bedford.

To Lynn Creek—Elder J. H. Lee.

To Indian Creek—Elder Vaughter.

A motion was made by Bro. A. Watson, seconded by Elder M. Mabry, that we hold the next annual session of the Cumberland Association with the Hill Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church to convene on Saturday before the fourth Lord's Day in September, 1933. Elder P. H. Weakly to preach the introductory sermon; Elder R. Vaughter, alternate.

Next motion made by Elder Hill, seconded by Elder J. H. Lee, that we extend to Elder D. A. Kimbro and the church of Mt. Zion and the good people of Murfreesboro our heart-felt thanks for their hospitality and treatment while in their midst. Adopted.

On motion we adjourned to meet in Nashville, Tenn., at the Hill Tabernacle in September, 1933.

ELDER Z. W. HILL, Moderator.

ELDER D. A. KIMBRO.

ROLL OF ELDERS

Elder J. W. Baty, Murfreesboro, Tenn., Rt. 9.
 Elder A. M. Bedford, Eagleville, Tenn., Rt. 1.
 Elder D. A. Kimbro, 505 Highland Ave., Murfreesboro, Tenn.
 Elder H. Covington, 1229 First Ave., S., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder P. H. Weakly, 1904 Cartwright St., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder John Polk, 800 19th Ave., Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder B. Hyde, Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder M. Mabry, Nashville, Tenn.
 Elder J. H. Lee.
 Elder J. H. Blackman, Flint, Mich.
 Elder R. H. Vaughter, 1611 Heiman St., Nashville, Tenn.

Roll of Licentiates

Willie Watkins, Tom Hays, Zack Cheatham, Thomas Butler, Oliver Roberts.

List of Dead Elders

Elder W. M. Clayton, T. E. Crawly, D. Childress, D. D. McNary, R. House, W. M. Scott, H. Kimbro, C. Childress, K. Lillard, M. Williams, L. Mason, T. Blackman, John Nelson, Joe Hayes, D. Gooch, Men. Lawrence, H. Huddleston, G. Bostic, G. Brown.

FORM OF LETTER

We the Churches of Christ of the Primitive Order of Baptists 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 appreciated
 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 Association, received by bap-
 tism..... by letter dismissed.....
 by letterrestored excluded.....
 dead total Meeting day
 Contribution \$.....
 Pastor
 Clerk

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association 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 existence of three equal powers in the Godhead, the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal 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 (shall 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 obligations 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 the 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 of the Association, to pay the same, or any part thereof, at and all times, on 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 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 Testament 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 saint's feet are ordinances of Jesus Christ, and true believers are the subject and that the only 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 in no case unless the Association be equally divided, then he shall give the deciding vote. He shall have the same privilege 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 voci*, 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. Motion 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 Of Cumberland Association

Name of Churches	Names of Messengers	Received by baptism	Received by letter	Dismissed by letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Meeting Day	Contribution	Name of Pastors
St. Luke	D. Carethers, G. Armstrong, P. Johnson, A. Taylor	5	15	2	2	124	4	25.00	Elder H. Covington		
Mt. Zion	H. Osborn, H. Tremble, J. Brown, L. Lyons	23	2	1	2	127	2	20.00	Elder D. A. Kimbro		
Ebenezer	W. Hollins, P. Bass, S. Hunter					40	2	3.00	Elder A. M. Bedford		
Green Grove	E. Britton, Joe Martin	3			11	66	4	4.00	Elder A. M. Bedford		
Cedar Grove	H. Haynes, J. C. Turner, J. W. Wallace	2			7	44	3	3.75	Elder A. M. Bedford		
Holly Grove	J. P. Armstrong					1	9	.50	Bro. Z. H. Cheatham		
Ash Grove	A. Davis, Joe Davis	1				50	4	3.00	Elder J. W. Baty		
Shady Grove	B. Haly, A. Jones	3				31	4	4.50	Elder Z. W. Hill		
Antioch	L. W. Leath, J. W. Malone, E. D. McCuller			2		38	1	6.80	Elder D. A. Kimbro		
Rocky Fork	H. E. Elder	1				15	2	2.25	Elder J. W. Baty		
St. Peter	W. Hays, P. H. Weakly	1				20	3	4.00	Elder P. H. Weakly		
Stone's River	D. Butler, A. King, Joe King					1	26	1	2.25	Elder A. M. Bedford	
Walker's Chapel	T. B. Cragwall, E. Helmn				1	20	2	4.00	Elder P. H. Weakly		
Mt. Gilead	J. W. Baty					20	3	2.50	Elder J. W. Baty		
Hill's Tabernacle	F. Hill, G. Night, W. Murdick	35		1	7	2	2267	2	40.00	Elder Z. W. Hill	
Lee's Chapel	C. H. Chafers, J. H. Lee				1	1	2	10	3	1.25	Elder J. H. Lee
Little Zion	Joe Elder, R. Vaughter						6	3	1.00	Elder R. Vaughter	