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Proceedings

MORNING SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Devotion was conducted by Brother F. Hill, who sang and offered prayer. The Moderator sang: "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" Prayer by Elder A. M. Bedford. Scripture lesson was read by Elder P. H. Weakley, from 90th Psalm.

The Moderator then made a few remarks and introduced Elder R. Vaughter who arose and lined a hymn: "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and preached the introductory sermon, using for his text, Jer. 1:6. Many hearts were made to rejoice.

Some timely remarks were made by the Moderator after which an offering was taken—Ten Dollars and Fifty Cents.

On motion we adjourned to meet at the Church in thirty minutes to organize.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill, who lined a hymn: "Lord Teach Me How to Pray." Prayer was offered by Brother H. R. Bedford. Scripture lesson was read by the Moderator from the book of Job, fourteenth chapter.

We then proceeded to organize. The Association was organized by choosing Elder Z. W. Hill, Moderator; Elder P. H. Weakley, Assistant Moderator; Elder D. A. Kimbro, Clerk; Elder H. Covington, Assistant Clerk; Brother Aaron Taylor, Treasurer.

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

First, the Committee on Correspondence. The following were appointed: Elder J. W. Baty, Elder A. M. Bedford, Elder R. Vaughter.

Committee on Finance: Brothers George Night, Aaron Taylor, H. Tremble, F. Hill, W. L. Harlins, T. B. Cragwall, Joe Davis.

Committee on Arrangements: Elder P. H. Weakley, Brother T. B. Cragwall, W. L. Harlins, F. Hill, Jeff Turner.

Committee on Finance: Brothers George Night, Aaron Taylor, H. Tremble, F. Hill, W. L. Harlins, T. B. Cragwall, J. Davis.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangements:

At the tent Saturday night, 7:30 p. m., Elder A. G. Jones and Elder J. W. Baty.

Sunday morning at the tent, Elder Samuel Brown and Elder A. M. Bedford.

At 2 p. m., Elder W. Sneed and Elder Z. W. Hill.

Sunday night at the tent, 7:30 p. m., Elder E. Braden, Elder Z. H. Bostic, Elder D. A. Kimbro.

On motion it was agreed that we adjourn till Monday morning, to meet at 8:30 a. m. Any messenger or elder that was not present at roll call to pay a fine of Twenty-five Cents.

Saturday night at the tent, September 22, devotion was conducted by Elder Covington singing, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Prayer by Brother Joe Elder.

The Moderator arose and sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?" and read for a Scripture lesson, Proverbs the third chapter.

Next an offering was taken—Six Dollars.

Elder A. G. Jones was introduced and lined a hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord." He preached, using for his text St. Luke 1:40. He was followed by Elder J. W. Baty who arose and lined a hymn, "Shall We Go on to Sin." He preached a soul-stirring sermon, using for his text, Gen. 7:1.

Many hearts were made to rejoice.

We then adjourned to meet Sunday morning at 10 a. m.

SUNDAY MORNING—Second Day

Devotion was conducted by Brother H. Tremble who lined hymn, "Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill," and then offered prayer. Brother Jeff Turner lined hymn, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" and offered prayer.

The assistant Moderator, Elder P. H. Weakley, then took charge of the service and read a scripture lesson from the 133rd Psalm.

After a few remarks he introduced Elder Samuel Brown the messenger from Lynn Creek Association, who arose and lined hymn, "God Did Not Dread to Undertake," and preached a soul-stirring sermon using for his text Ruth 1:16.

The Moderator made some few remarks and raised an offering of Six Dollars and Fifty-five Cents.

Elder A. M. Bedford was introduced who arose and lined hymn, "Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill," and preached a strong doctrinal sermon using for his text Matt. 16:18. Many hearts were made happy.

We then adjourned one hour for dinner.

AFTERNOON—TWO P. M.

Devotion was conducted by Brother F. Hill. Song: "Dark Was the Night and Cold the Ground." He offered prayer. Scripture lesson was read from the Eighth Psalm.

Collection was taken. Amount: Eight Dollars and Eleven Cents.

The Moderator then introduced Elder W. R. Sneed, the messenger from the Big Harpeth Association, who lined hymn, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" and preached a loving sermon using for his text St. John 1:46.

He was followed by Elder Z. W. Hill who arose and lined hymn, "God Did Not Dread to Undertake" and preached a great sermon using for his text Isaiah 9:6. He wrought wondrously.

We then adjourned till seven p. m., Sunday night.

SUNDAY NIGHT

Devotion was conducted by Bros. Jeff Turner, Howard Gaines and George Sanders.

The Moderator then read a Scripture lesson from Isaiah fifty-third chapter. He then introduced Elder Earl Braden who lined Hymn, "The Day Is Past and Gone" and preached, using for his text, Acts 5:29. Many were made to rejoice.

An offering was taken.

The Moderator then introduced Elder Z. H. Bostic the visitor from Lynn Creek Association who lined a hymn, "I Am Bound for the Promised Land," and preached, using for his text I Kings 18:21.

He was followed by Elder D. A. Kimbro who lined hymn, "Don't You Hear the Turtle Dove," and preached a soul-stirring sermon, using for his text, Gen. 13:8.

We adjourned to meet at the council house for business on Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock.

MONDAY MORNING—Third Day

The house was called to order by Moderator who lined hymn, "A Few More Years Shall Roll." Prayer was offered by Elder J. H. Lee. Scripture lesson was read by Elder P. H. Weakley from the fortieth chapter of Isaiah. After a few remarks, the letters from the different churches were called for and received. Then petitionary letters were called for. One was offered and was received from the church at Braden Tabernacle, which is now a member of the Cumberland Association.

Next the letters were called for from the corresponding associations, one from Lynn Creek, by the hand of her messenger, Elder Samuel Brown, was read and received. One from Big Harpeth, by the hand of her messenger, Elder W. M. Sneed was read and received.

Indian Creek, a letter—no messenger.

Next, the messengers and Elders were given the right hand of fellowship.

The different committees were called for.

First, Committee on Arrangements was called for. The Committee reported all appointments filled according to arrangements. On motion the report of the committee was received and the committee discharged.

Committee on Correspondence was called for and made the following report.

Dear Brethren: We find two corresponding representatives from two Associations in the person of Elder S. Brown from Lynn Creek; Elder W. M. Sneed from Big Harpeth. And we advise that we correspond by sending a messenger to each Association.

On motion the report of the committee was received and the committee discharged.

The Committee on Finance was called for and made the following report.

From churches	\$ 130.50
From congregation	47.53
From treasurer	5.32
Total	\$ 183.35

Expenses of the Association

For tent and wiring	\$ 54.55
Moderator	30.00
Assistant Moderator	15.00
Clerk	25.00
Assistant Clerk	15.00
Treasurer	4.00
Total	\$ 143.55

Disbursements

Elder R. Vaughter for representing	\$ 4.40
Elder Z. W. Hill for representing	4.00
Donated Elder W. M. Sneed	2.00
Elder Samuel Brown	2.50
Elder A. M. Bedford	2.00
Elder J. W. Baty	2.00
Elder A. G. Jones	2.00
Sister Sophia Hays	2.00

Sister Tennie Webb -----	\$ 2.00
To the Church -----	1.00
Total -----	\$ 23.90
Given the Clerk for Minutes -----	\$ 10.00
Grand Total -----	\$ 181.77
Balance -----	\$ 5.32

On motion it was agreed to have five hundred minutes printed.

After all disbursements, the report of the committee was received and the committee discharged.

Union meetings: one at Walker's Chapel to begin on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1935, Elder A. M. Bedford to attend the meeting.

One at Mt. Gilead to be held on Saturday before the third Sunday in July, Elder J. H. Lee to attend the meeting.

One at Ash Grove to be held on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in July, Elder R. Vaughter to preach the introductory sermon.

One at Shady Grove to begin on Saturday before the first Sunday in April, Elder H. Covington to preach the introductory sermon.

One at Braden's Tabernacle to begin on Saturday before the third Sunday in May, Elder Z. W. Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion it was agreed that we hold a council meeting of the Elders and Deacons at Little Zion, Nashville, Tennessee, to begin on Saturday before the second Sunday in November, 1934, Elder J. H. Lee to preach the introductory sermon; Elder J. W. Baty, alternate.

Messengers to bear letters to the sister associations: To Lynn Creek, Elder A. M. Bedford; To Big Harpeth, Elder Z. W. Hill; Indian Creek by letter.

On motion it was agreed that the different churches raise some extra money for correspondence.

So several churches agreed to raise so much: Hill's Tabernacle, Twelve Dollars. Mt. Zion, Five Dollars. St. Luke, Five Dollars. Green Grove, Five Dollars. Cedar Grove, Five Dollars. Ebenezer, Five Dollars. St. Peter, Two Dollars. Little Zion, Two Dollars.

After all the business of the Association was disposed of, Elder Hill appointed a presbytery to ordain Brother Earl Braden to preach and Brother George Samuel and Marshall Webb, W. M. Murdick, deacons which was carried out in due form.

On motion by Brother George Samuel, seconded by Elder Hill, it was agreed that we hold our next annual session of the Cumberland Association with the Hill Tabernacle Primitive Baptist Church, Elder D. A. Kimbro to preach the introductory sermon; Elder Earl Braden, alternate.

On motion it was agreed that we extend to Walker's Chapel and the good people of Alexandria our heart-felt thanks for their hospitality while in their midst.

On motion the Clerk and Moderator were empowered to correct any mistakes and to finish any business left undone.

So closes the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association, a session long to be remembered.

ELDER Z. W. HILL, Moderator.
ELDER D. A. KIMBRO, Clerk.

LIST OF ELDERS

Elder J. W. Baty, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Route 9.

Elder A. M. Bedford, Eagleville, Tennessee, R. R. 1.

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

Elder H. Covington, 1230 First Ave., S., Nashville, Tennessee.

Elder P. H. Weakley, 1904 Cartwright St., Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder J. Polgue, 800 19th Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder B. Hyde, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder M. Mabry, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder Z. W. Hill, 1306 South St., Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder J. H. Lee, Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder R. H. Vaughtner, 1616 Fourteenth Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.
 Elder Earl Braden, Nashville, Tennessee.

Roll of Licentiates

Brothers Willie Watkins, Tom Hays, Zack Cheatham, Thomas Butler, Olive Roberts, Josie Elder, H. R. Bedford.

List of Dead Elders

Elders W. M. Clayton, T. E. Crawley, D. Childress, D. D. McNary, R. Howse, W. M. Scott, C. Childress, K. Lillard, R. Webb, Jeo Hays, D. Gooch, Men Lawrence, M. Williams, H. Hudleston.

While the Elders and messengers were at the house for business the congregation was entertained by Parson Willie Watkins, Parson H. R. Bedford and Parson Z. H. Cheatham.

FORM OF LETTER

We the Churches of Christ of the Primitive Order of Baptists 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 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 baptism
 _____ by letter _____ dismissed _____
 by letter _____ restored _____ 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 thereof.

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 bap-

tized 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 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 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 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 proving 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 the Clerk before the Association rises.

