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Minutes
OF THE
Fifty-fifth Annual Session Of The
Cumberland Association

HELD WITH THE HILL'S TABERNACLE BAPTIST
CHURCH OF CHRIST

Nashville, Tennessee

September 21, 22, 23, 1935

OFFICERS

Elder Z. W. Hill	-----	Moderator
Elder P. H. Weakley	-----	Assistant Moderator
Elder D. A. Kimbro	-----	Clerk
Elder H. Covington	-----	Assistant Clerk
Brother A. A. Taylor	-----	Treasurer

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2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the instruments used for data collection.

3. The third part of the document presents the results of the study, including a comparison of the different methods and techniques used. It discusses the strengths and weaknesses of each method and provides a summary of the findings.

4. The fourth part of the document discusses the implications of the study and provides recommendations for future research. It highlights the need for further investigation into the effectiveness of the different methods and techniques used.

5. The fifth part of the document concludes the study and provides a final summary of the findings. It emphasizes the importance of maintaining accurate records and the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

Proceedings

FIRST DAY—Morning Session

The Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. After the opening song, prayer was offered. Scripture lesson from the 139th Psalm was read by Elder Z. W. Hill. After making a few remarks, he introduced the speaker, Elder D. A. Kimbro, who preached the introductory sermon using for his text, Matthew 28:19, 20. Subject: "The Commission of the Church." The sermon was interesting and instructive.

Next, collection of \$7.41 was taken. Then we adjourned for organization.

AFTERNOON SESSION—3:00

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Hill. Devotional service was conducted by Elder A. Foster who sang, "Lord, Teach Me How to Pray," and offered prayer. Elder Hill then sang a hymn and read a scripture lesson from the 137th Psalm. After he made a few remarks, we proceeded to organize by electing the following officers:

Elder Z. W. Hill, Moderator; Elder P. H. Weakley, Assistant Moderator; Elder D. A. Kimbro, Clerk; Elder H. Covington, Assistant Clerk; Brother A. A. Taylor, Treasurer.

At this time the Moderator sent Brother H. Bedford, Brother R. Beasley and, Brother W. Taylor to the stand to preach. Elder Moore from Indian Creek Association was introduced. He made a few interesting remarks. He was followed by Elder MacLin from the same Association.

On motion by Brother A. Taylor, seconded by Elder Vaughter that the moderator appoint all committees. Carried.

Elder Hill appointed the following committees:

Committee on Correspondence—Elder P. H. Weakley, Elder A. Foster, Elder A. M. Bedford, Elder Z. R. Cheatham and Brother P. Johnson.

Committee on Arrangements—Elder J. H. Lee, Elder R. Vaughter, Elder Z. W. Hill, Elder E. Braden, Brother G. Armstrong.

Committee on Finance—Brother A. Taylor, Brother F. Hill, Brother Will Hollins, Brother Dan Jennings, Brother Floyd, Brother Jesse Preston, Brother H. Trimble, Brother H. Haynes, Brother G. Knight, Bro. J. Atkinson, Bro. G. Armstrong, Bro. J. D. Martin.

The Committee on Arrangements made the following arrangements: Saturday night at the stand, Elder J. H. Hall, Elder P. MacLin, Elder Matt. Gardner, Elder Robert Vaughter.

Sunday morning at 10:30 a. m.—Elder Samuel Brown, Elder Sidney Dowie, Elder H. Covington.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.—Elder E. Moore, Elder Z. W. Hill.

Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.—Elder A. Johnson, Elder A. Foster, Elder A. M. Bedford.

The Elders and Messengers were then enrolled.

Collection, \$1.75. We adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9:00 o'clock for business. All absent or late elders and messengers are to be fined 25c.

SATURDAY NIGHT—7:30 At Stand

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Devotional service was conducted by Brother Forest Hill, who sang, "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood," and offered prayer. The Scripture lesson from 3rd chapter of Proverbs was read by the Moderator. He then sang, "The Day is Past and Gone" and made remarks.

An offering of \$7.55 was taken. A chorus of 50 voices entertained while the offering was taken. They were members from Hill's Tabernacle, Foster's Chapel, Little Zion and St. Luke.

Elder J. H. Hall from Friendship Association was introduced. He sang, "Dark Was the Night, and Cold the Ground" and preached a splendid sermon, using for his text Matt. 7:24. He was followed by Elder MacLin who preached from second chapter of Songs of Solomon.

Next Elder Matt Gardner was introduced who sang, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," and preached from 8th chapter of Proverbs. Both sermons were highly enjoyed.

Due to lack of time, Elder Vaughter did not preach.

The meeting adjourned until Sunday morning at 10:30.

SUNDAY MORNING—10:30 A. M.

The house was called to order by the Moderator. Devotion was conducted by Brother F. Hill who sang, "How Can I Sink With Such A Prop?" Prayer was offered by Brother L. Caruthers. The Moderator read the Scripture lesson from Psalm 89:1-43. After brief remarks he sang, "Come All My Brethren in the Lord."

Next, a collection of \$18.51 was taken. The chorus furnished us splendid music.

Elder Samuel Brown, the messenger from Lynn Creek Association was introduced by the Moderator. He sang, "Like Israel Lord Am I," and preached a soul-stirring sermon from Genesis 4:7. We were then favored with a selection from the choir.

Elder Sidney Dowie was then introduced. He preached an interesting sermon from Matthew 21:42.

Then Elder H. Covington was introduced. After singing, "Did Christ O'er Sinners Weep," he preached a soul-stirring sermon from Isaiah 9:45.

We adjourned to meet Sunday evening at 3 o'clock.

SUNDAY EVENING—3 O'clock

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Devotional service was conducted by the choir. A collection of \$5.76 was raised.

Elder E. Moore from Indian Creek Association preached a splendid sermon from Matthew 3:4. Then the Assistant Moderator, Elder P. H. Weakley presented Elder Z. W. Hill the Moderator who sang, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound." He preached a wonderful sermon from Isaiah 45:13, 22-23. Many hearts were made to rejoice. We adjourned to meet Sunday night at 7:30 p. m.

SUNDAY NIGHT SESSION

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill. Devotion was conducted by Brother F. Hill who sang, "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say." Prayer was offered by Brother Mitchell.

Then a contribution of \$12.60 was taken.

After the Moderator made some brief remarks he introduced Elder A. L. Johnson, who sang, "Firmly I Stand on Zion's Hill." He preached a splendid sermon from Luke 24:49.

Then Elder A. Foster from Cumberland Association preached a soul-stirring sermon from Matthew 7:24, using for his subject, "It Is Going to Rain."

Elder A. M. Bedford was introduced by the Moderator who sang, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." He preached an interesting sermon.

We adjourned to meet Monday morning.

MONDAY MORNING—At House of Business

The house was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Hill. Devotion was conducted by Brother F. Hill who sang, "Death May Dissolve My Body Now" and offered prayer. The Moderator then sang, "Behold a Living Stone." Scripture lesson, which was Psalm 133, was read by Elder P. H. Weakley. Remarks were then made by the Moderator, Elder Hill.

Petitionary letters were called for, offered and received from Foster's Chapel. A telegram which was received from Rev. D. C. Buntin of Chicago was read. He petitioned to be received in the Cumberland Association. On motion by Elder D. A. Kimbro and seconded by Elder H. Covington, he was received.

At ten o'clock the following preachers were sent to the stand to preach: Brother H. Bedford, Brother W. Watkins and Brother W. Taylor.

Next, the letters of the Association were called for and received. The letters from the corresponding association were called for and received. The following were the Messengers: Elder Samuel Brown from Lynn Creek; Elder Eli Moore from Indian Creek; Elder A. L. Johnson from Friendship.

Next the committees were called for and made the following report: Committee on Arrangements made the report that all appointments

MINUTES OF THE CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION

were filled according to arrangements, except Elder R. Vaughter. The report of the committee was adopted and the committee discharged.

Committee on Correspondence was called for. The report was as follows:

From Lynn Creek, a messenger and letter by Elder Samuel Brown.
From Indian Creek, a messenger and letter by Elder Eli Moore. From Friendship, a messenger and letter by Elder A. L. Johnson.

Committee on Finance made following report:

From the churches	\$ 138.81
From the congregation	59.54
Total	\$ 198.35

Expenses

Rent of Building and hauling of seats.....	\$ 50.00
Printing of Minutes	15.00
Moderator, Elder Z. W. Hill	25.00
Assistant Moderator, Elder P. Weakley.....	15.00
Clerk, Elder D. A. Kimbro	25.00
Assistant Clerk, Elder H. Covington.....	15.00
Treasurer, Brother A. A. Taylor	4.00
Total	\$ 149.00

Disbursements

Elder A. M. Bedford	\$ 6.50
Elder Samuel Brown	2.50
Elder Eli Moore	3.00
Elder A. L. Johnson	2.50
Elder MacLin	1.50
Elder Sidney Dowie	1.50
Elder Hall	1.50
Elder Vaughter	2.00
Elder Foster	2.00
Elder Braden	2.00
Elder Lee	2.00
Elder H. Bedford	2.00
Elder M. Mabry	1.00
Elder Z. H. Cheatham	1.00
Sister Zophia Hays	1.00
Sister Tennie Webb	1.00
Sister Clara Ewing	1.00
Sister Dosie Batey	1.00
Church	3.00
Total	\$ 38.30
Grand total paid out	\$ 187.30
Balance in Treasury.....	\$ 11.05

UNION MEETINGS

One at Ash Grove on the Fourth Sunday in July. Elder Z. W. Hill to preach the introductory sermon.

Messengers to Other Associations:

To Lynn Creek, Elder Earl Braden.

To Indian Creek, Elder P. H. Weakley.

To Friendship, Elder A. Foster.

On motion it was agreed to have five hundred (500) minutes printed. The clerk was given Fifteen (\$15) Dollars to pay for same.

On motion by Elder Hill and seconded by Brother J. Atkinson that we hold the next session of the Cumberland Association with the church at Shady Grove. The meeting is to begin on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1936. Elder A. Foster is to preach the introductory sermon and Elder R. Vaughtner, alternate.

Thus closed the Fifty-fifth Annual Session of the Cumberland Association.

We wish to extend our appreciation to the pastor, members and friends of Hill's Tabernacle, the members of the other churches in Nashville who made the convening of the Association such a pleasant affair. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks for the use of Bethel Center in which our Association was held.

The moderator and clerk are in power to correct any mistakes or complete any unfinished business.

ELDER Z. W. HILL, Moderator.

ELDER P. H. WEAKLEY, Assistant Moderator.

ELDER D. A. KIMBRO, Clerk.

ELDER H. COVINGTON, Assistant Clerk.

BROTHER A. A. TAYLOR, Treasurer.

LIST OF ELDERS

Elder A. M. Bedford, Eagleville, Tennessee, R. R. 1.
 Elder D. A. Kimbro, 505 Highland Ave., S., Murfreesboro, Tennessee.
 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.
 Elder A. Foster.
 Elder D. E. Buntin.

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, Joe Hays, D. Gooch, Men Lawrence, M. Williams, H. Hudleston, J. W. Baty.

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 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 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 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 the Clerk before the Association rises.

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STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Meeting Day	Contribution	PASTORS	
St. Luke	D. Caruthers, A. Taylor, G. Armstrong, B. Hyde, P. Johnson.	10	...	...	...	2	2	5100	4	\$25.00	H. Covington
Mt. Zion	H. E. Tremble, E. W. Willis.	12	...	...	...	2	2	1112	2	20.00	D. A. Kimbro
Ebenezer	W. Harlins, S. H. Hunter.	...	...	...	...	1	1	31	2	3.00	A. M. Bedford
Green Grove	A. M. Bedford, Joe Martin, E. Britton.	...	...	...	...	...	...	76	4	3.00	A. M. Bedford
Cedar Grove	J. C. Turner, H. Haynes, W. Wallis.	2	...	...	...	...	...	65	3	3.00	A. M. Bedford
Ash Grove	Joe Davis, J. L. Preston.	3	...	...	...	...	...	7	4	2.25	E. Braden
Shady Grove	A. Jones, Joe Jones, L. T. Jones.	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	1	5.00	Z. W. Hill
Antioch	L. W. Leath, J. H. Malone.	...	...	...	...	...	...	35	1	6.00	D. A. Kimbro
Rocky Fork	H. E. Elder	...	...	...	...	...	...	11	2	1.50	E. Braden
St. Peter	P. H. Weakley, P. Buchanan.	...	...	...	...	...	...	19	3	4.00	P. H. Weakley
Stones River	D. Butler, A. King.	1	...	...	...	...	...	16	1	3.00	A. M. Bedford
Walker's Chapel	M. Webb, C. Helms.	...	...	...	...	...	...	20	2	4.00	P. H. Weakley
Mt. Gilead	J. H. Lee	2	1	1	1	1	1	29	3	3.25	J. H. Lee	
Hill's Tabernacle	F. Hill, J. A. Atkinson, W. Dunevant, G. Knight.	36	2	18	...	...	...	7337	2	40.00	Z. W. Hill
Little Zion	F. Floyd, Jack Oden, James Keith.	3	4	2	7	...	...	20	3	5.00	R. H. Vaughter
Braden's Chapel	Ollie House, E. Braden	11	3	2	...	...	...	1	20	4.25	E. Braden
Foster's Chapel	D. Jennings, Dreu Anderson, A. R. Mitchell.	2	1	34	2	6.75	A. Foster
Slater's Chapel	D. Buntin	D. Buntin	

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