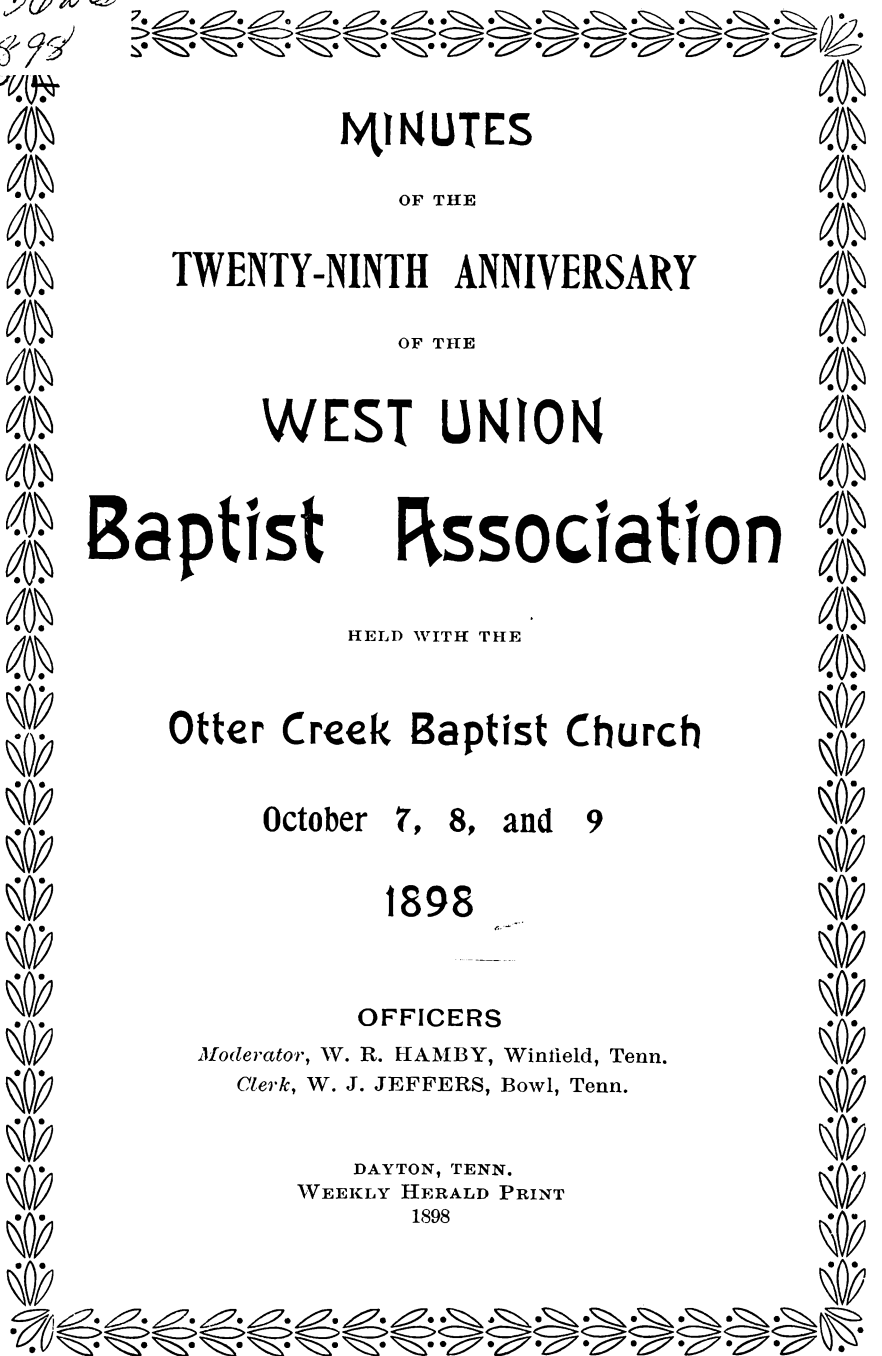


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*Next session will be held with the Second Bethlehem Church,  
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Annual sermon by Eld. R. C. Cecil; alternate, Eld. S. G. Morgan.*

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1st We believe in one only true and living God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in power, essence and glory, one True Eternal God.

2d. We believe in the fall of man and his inability to recover himself by any creative power.

3d. We believe that sinners are justified through and by the Righteousness of Jesus Christ, imputed to them.

4th. We believe we have no right to commune with any but legally baptized church members, and that Immersion is the only mode.

5th. We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust, and that the enjoyments of the righteous and the punishments of the wicked will be eternal.

6th. We believe that the visible Church of Christ is a body of faithful persons who have given themselves up to the Lord, and to watch over each other in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

7th. We believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Holiness, and not one of them will be finally lost.

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RULES OF DECORUM.

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1st. The Association should begin and end with prayer by the Moderator.

2d. A Moderator and Clerk to be chosen of our own body.

3d. One person only shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator, and then speak.

4th. The person up shall not, while speaking, be interrupted by any one except the Moderator; nor shall the Moderator interrupt any member nor prevent his speaking until he gives his light on the subject, unless he shall violate the rules of decorum.

5th. The Speaker shall strictly adhere to the subject and shall in no wise reflect on the imperfections of the persons that spoke before him, but shall fairly state the case and convey his ideas as near as he can.

6th. No member shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without leave from the Moderator.

7th. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject, nor more than five minutes at a time without leave from the Association.

8th. No person shall have the liberty of laughing or whispering during business or public speaking in the Association.

9th. No Member of the Association shall address another by any other appellation than that of Brother.

10th. The names of the several Members of the Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk and called over as often as the Association shall require.

# Proceedings.

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## First Day—October 7.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment, and, after hearing the 1st chapter of the Psalms read by the Moderator and prayer by Elder G. M. Davis, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder M. D. Baird, from the 3d chapter and 3d verse of Amos—"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, letters called for and read by G. M. Davis and S. G. Morgan, presenting the following table of statistics. [See table of statistics.]

Then the Association permanently organized by electing Elder W. R. Hamby, Moderator; Elder M. C. Cross, Assistant Moderator; W. J. Jeffers, Clerk, and A. J. Chitwood, Assistant Clerk.

Letters from newly constituted churches called for, and received letters from Pine Hill, Wolf Creek, Oak Grove and Beech Grove. Churches received into the fellowship of the body, delegates seated and statistics entered in our minutes.

Called for corresponding letters and delegates from sister Associations, and received a letter from Hiwassee by the hand of Elder J. B. McCallon; a letter from East Tennessee by the hand of James Goodman; one from Stocton's Valley by the hand of H. C. Jones; a letter from South Concord by the hands of Elder Grant Roberts and Brothers W. C. Bell, Richard Jones and J. B. Bell; one from South Union by the hands of Elders F. M. Cornelius, G. M. Davis, G. W. Vanover, George Sege, W. H. Cornelius, W. B. White, and Brother James Higinbotham. Letters read, and delegates invited and took seats with the body.

Entire delegation of Otter Creek Church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches, were appointed a Committee on Divine Service, and made the following report: To-night, Elders J. B. McCallon and A. D. Brown at the John Green school-house; Elders J. B. White and James Goodman at Hickory Grove; Elders M. C. Cross and G. M. Davis at Pine Knot; Elders M. D. Baird, R. C. Cecil and James Lay at the church; Elders Joel Chitwood, Jacob Blevins and J. W. Stanley at Sarrunk's Lane; to-morrow at the stand, Elders J. W. Stanley, F. M. Cornelius, S. G. Morgan, A. H. Watson, Grant Roberts and G. M. Davis.

Moved that we correspond with the following Associations, namely: Hiwassee, Stocton's Valley, South Union, South Concord and East Tennessee.

The following brethren were announced a Committee on Correspondence: S. G. Morgan to Hiwassee, W. J. Cordell to Stocton's Valley, Jesse Lay to South Union, A. D. Brown to East Tennessee and A. J. Chitwood to South Concord.

Committee on Unfinished Business: R. C. Cecil, D. L. Bridges, M. D. Baird and W. A. Cross, together with Moderator, Clerks and corresponding delegates.

Committee on Obituaries: Elders J. W. Stanley, F. M. Cornelius, W. A. Cross and Jesse Lay.

Voted, that our next annual session be held with the church at Second Bethlehem, Scott County, Tenn., about one-half mile south-east of Winfield, Tenn., on Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1899, and that Elder R. C. Cecil preach the introductory sermon, and Elder S. G. Morgan be his alternate.

The Association adjourned till 9:30 to-morrow. Prayer by Elder J. B. McCallon.

### Second Day—October 8.

The Association met Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock, and, after singing hymns of praise and bowing in prayer to God, proceeded to business.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read and adopted.

Roll called and names of messengers not present marked out.

Rules of Decorum ordered to be read, but the motion was withdrawn.

Report of the Committee on Unfinished Business received, adopted and the committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them, as follows:

To Hiwassee, Elders W. T. Penington, S. G. Morgan, Jesse Lay, H. C. Daugherty, W. S. Rich and M. C. Cross. Meets at Fellowship meeting-house on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1899.

To South Concord, Elders J. B. Troxel, S. G. Morgan, W. R. Hamby, H. C. Daugherty, Jesse Lay and A. H. Watson. Meets at Mt. Pisgah, 5 miles south-west of Parmesville, Ky., on Friday before the 1st Saturday in October, 1899.

To South Union, Elders M. D. Baird, W. R. Hamby, John Sharp, Richard Chitwood, J. W. Stanley and W. A. Cross. Meets at Pine Grove, 8 miles west of Williamsburg, Ky., on Friday before the 4th Saturday in September, 1899.

To Stocton's Valley, Elders John W. Stanley, I. R. Roysden, J. G. Phillips and Brother John Foster. Meets with the church at Locust Grove, Huntersville, Ky., the 2d Saturday in September, 1899.

To East Tennessee, Elders S. G. Morgan and A. H. Watson, and Brothers A. D. Brown, P. M. Goad, Marion Jeffers and E. Newport. Meets with the church at Indian Creek, Anderson county, Tenn., on Friday before the 3d Saturday in September, 1899.

J. A. Campbell, of Freedom Association, was invited and accepted a seat with us.

Committee on Obituaries report. Report read, accepted and committee discharged. Shall we call an evangelist? Dropped.

The Association requests the churches of this body to enlarge their contributions for printing Minutes and defraying the expenses of our corresponding delegates to sister Associations; and that they state in their letters to the Association the amount contributed for printing and for delegational expenses.

Committee, appointed to meet at Shiloh church-house and organize a new Association, made the following report:

We met at Shiloh church on the 2d Saturday of November, 1897, and organized an

Association by the name of East Tennessee Baptist Association, with a membership of five churches, viz.: Corinth, Shiloh, Roberts' Ford, Indian Creek and New Hope.

M. C. CROSS, S. G. MORGAN, }  
 JESSE LAY, G. C. DUNCAN, } Committee.  
 J. S. STANLEY, }

Committee on Preaching makes the following report: To-night—Elders J. A. Campbell, Henry Cornelius and J. B. McCallon, at the church; Elders J. H. Sanders and Grant Roberts, at Tow Wad; Elders Joseph Marcum and Isham Roysden, at the John Green school-house; Elders W. A. Cross, W. T. Penington and Johnson Phillips at Pine Knot; Elders M. D. Baird and John Sharp, at Second Bethlehem; Elders G. M. Davis and F. M. Cornelius, at Strunk's Lane; Elders George Vanover and George Segoe, at Hickory Grove; to-morrow, at the stand—Elders J. B. McCallon, W. R. Hamby, J. A. Campbell and G. M. Davis.

S. G. Morgan and R. C. Cecil were appointed a Committee on Finance, and reported \$20.28 for printing and distribution of Minutes.

Moved that any of our churches receive any of the members of Charity Church that are in good standing, as by letter.

The Association contributed 80 cents to W. S. Rich to defray a part of his expense to Hiwassee.

Committee on Sunday School reports. Report received and committee discharged.

Moved that we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this Association printed, and that the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and that he be allowed \$5 for his services. Reserve 200 copies for corresponding minutes.

WHEREAS, We are in perilous times, and it seems that every man's hand is against ours, and heresy is invading our homes, as well as our churches, and thus misleading our church members and our fellow-citizen; be it

*Resolved*, by the West Union Association, That we warn our churches and every member of the churches to keep themselves unspotted from the world, and free from all entanglements with all kinds of heresies; and if any of our members will keep company with such, to conform to Scriptural direction and withdraw thyselves from every brother that walketh disorderly and refuseth to obey the Word and Doctrine according to the Scriptures; and to close our meeting houses against such.

2. We hereby tender our grateful thanks to the brethren and sisters of Otter Creek Church, and the entire community, for their generous hospitality and tender regard for our comfort during our stay with them.

Minutes of to-day's proceedings read and approved.

We sang "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and, 'midst tears of joy, the fraternal grasp was taken. Prayer by Elder Jesse Lay.

Thus ended our Twenty-ninth Session, harmonious throughout, one of the most pleasant, and we trust one of the most profitable, for years.

W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk.

W. R. HAMBY, Moderator.

## OBITUARIES.

Sarah Lawson, wife of Andrew Lawson, departed this life July 27, 1898. She lived a devoted Christian about 25 years, died in the full triumphs of faith, and leaves a husband and eight children to mourn her loss. May God be with her husband and children.

John Brown departed this life November 12, 1897. He claimed a hope in Christ a

few weeks before he died, and was baptized. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Rebekah Trammel was a member of Pleasant Grove Church, lived a devoted Christian about 20 years, died in the full triumphs of faith and has gone to reap her reward in glory.

Jacob Smither was born October 18, 1829, and departed this life December 30, 1897. He was a pious and devoted member of the church for 17 years; ten years of that time he served the church as Deacon. He leaves a wife and six children to mourn his loss, who have our sympathies and a share of our sorrows. May God's rich blessings rest upon them all, and may they all, with their friends, be prepared while here to meet him in glory.

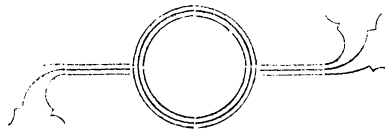
William Honeycut departed this life June 29, 1898. Was a member of Bethaida Church, and had been a member in good standing for 35 years, and four years he served as Deacon in the above named church. He died in the full triumphs of faith, and his last words were, "There is not spot or blemish between me and my God," and requested his children to meet him in heaven.

Nathan Abbott was a member of Pleasant Grove Church about 12 years; died in full faith, saying in his last hours, "I see my way clear." He leaves two children as orphans to mourn his loss, but the God who hears the raven's cry will hear the cry of orphans.

Nancy Goodman, wife of Henry Goodman, joined the Paint Rock Church about three years ago; was Deaconess of that church till a few days ago, when she passed from earth to reap her reward in heaven. She leaves a husband and one child to mourn her loss; has two children gone before, while the family is now divided. May the time come when they will meet in heaven, where parting shall be no more.

JOHN W. STANLEY, W. A. CROSS, } Committee.  
F. M. CORNELIUS, JESSE LAY, }

Statistics show other deceased members, but no name or history. Each church might give brief sketches of the life and death of its deceased members.—[CLERK.





STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Recd by baptism,	Restored,	Dismissed by letter,	Excluded,	Deceased,	Total membership,	Saturday meetings,	Contributions,
Anadel,.....	Joseph Marcum,	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	\$ 25
Antioch,.....	J. R. Phillips, S. Reed,	1	0	1	5	1	17	...	25
Buffalo,.....	P. Jeffers, J. S. Chandler,	4	2	0	0	1	16	2	40
Black Creek,.....	J. H. Sanders, T. Smither,	2	1	0	0	0	1	51	2
Bethaida,.....	John Foster, B. Griffith,	7	0	0	0	0	1	17	3
Bull Creek,.....	M. Jeffers, J. Newport, E. Newport,	3	1	0	3	0	2	83	3
*Beech Grove,....	A. H. Watson,							20	
Davis' Chapel,....	M. D. Baird, Thos. and Peter Davis,	0	3	0	0	1	0	28	4
Ezerel,.....	R. C. Cecil, C. C. West,	10	1	0	1	1	2	92	4
Elk Fork,.....	John Sharp, Peter Davis,	9	2	1	3	0	0	96	1
Hickory Grove,...	J. H. Smith, William Crabtree,	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	1
Mt. Zion,.....	W. J. Jeffers, W. L. Price,	1	0	0	20	0	0	58	4
New Zion,.....	John P. Blevins,	6	0	0	0	0	0	65	2
New Prospect,....	S. C. Gibson, James Sharp,	1	2	0	1	0	0	18	...
New Salem,.....	W. Baker, J. Lay, J. Hughett, D. L. Bridges,	13	0	0	0	0	4	219	3
Nettle Cove,.....	A. D. Brown, George Lawson,	6	2	0	2	2	0	66	3
*Oak Grove,.....	Elijah Blevins, T. Davis,							15	...
Otter Creek,.....	H. C. Daugherty, M. Murphy, J. B. Troxel, W. Privitt, W. R. Hamby, J. E. Douglas,	7	4	1	1	8	0	126	4
Paint Rock,.....	W. Penington, A. Phillips, M. Sexton,	5	0	0	0	3	2	71	1
Pine Knot,.....	W. Inman, W. B. Creekmore, John Chitwood, S. G. Morgan,	0	3	0	0	5	0	78	3
Pine Creek,.....	J. and R. Marcum, A. Thomas,	5	2	0	0	0	1	78	1
Pleasant Grove,...	W. J. Cordell, L. D. Chitwood, F. M. Röss, L. Grant,	1	0	1	15	2	1	150	3
*Pine Hill,.....	J. M. Abbott, G. Acres, J. Stanley,							25	2
Rock Creek,.....	John Foster,	0	0	0	11	0	0	44	3
Sec. Bethlehem,...	J. Lay, J. Chitwood, M. Tranmel, F. and A. J. Chitwood,	0	14	0	5	0	0	30	1
Slick Rock,.....	W. S. Rich, D. Brown, P. M. Goad,	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	4
Sulphur Springs,	Jesse Stephens,	2	0	0	0	0	0	23	4
Union,.....	M. C. and W. A. Cross,	0	2	0	0	0	0	56	4
*Wolf Creek,.....	Riley Spradlin, Wm Winchester,							10	
Zion,.....	U. S. Tranmel, J. E. Angel,	19	3	4	1	4	6	46	1
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\* Star denotes new church.

The following churches were not represented, last year's membership given: Bethlehem, 67; Charity, 7; Hickory Creek, 52; Hopewell, 27; Little Rock Creek, 29; Liberty, 17; Lick Fork, 11; Laurel Grove, 6; Second Union, 42.

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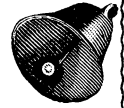
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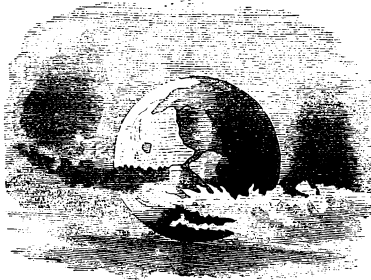
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