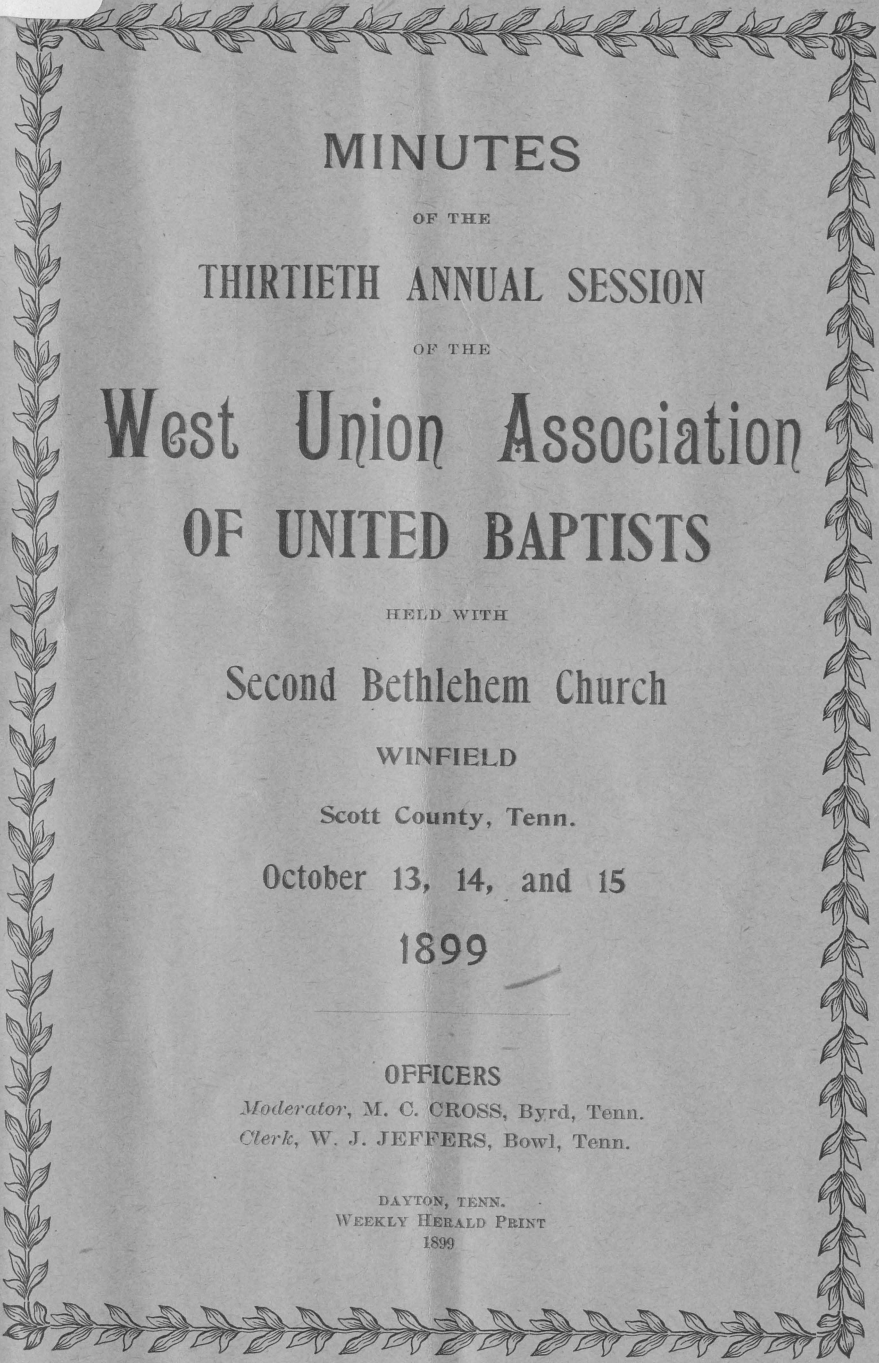


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October 13, 14 and 15, 1899.

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MODERATOR, M. C. CROSS, BYRD, TENN.

CLERK, W. J. JEFFERS, BOWL, TENN.

Next Session will convene at Elk Fork Church, Elk Valley, Campbell County, Tennessee, on Friday before the Second Saturday in October, 1900.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

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.

RULES OF DECORUM.

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.

Names and Postoffice Address of Ordained Ministers.

A. D. Brown, Newcomb, Campbell Co., Tenn	W. T. Pennington, Almy, Scott Co., Tenn
W. M. Douglass, " " "	Wm. Ellis, Almy, " "
M. D. Baird, Whitman, " "	W. A. Cross, " " "
Jesse Baird, Elk Valley, " "	R. C. Cecil, " " "
W. R. Hamby, Winfield, Scott Co., Tenn.	A. J. Phillips, " " "
G. C. Duncan, " " "	I. R. Roysden, Oneida, " "
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James Lay, Bowl, " " "	T. Ellis, " " "
Jesse Lay, I-sham, " " "	J. W. Stanley, Oneida, " "
M. C. Cross, Byrd, " " "	S. G. Morgan, Pine Knot, Whitley Co., Ky.
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D. W. Owens, Bowl, " " "	OFFICERS:
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Jno. Harness, Hughtett, " " "	W. J. JEFFERS, CLERK, BOWL, TENN.

Proceedings.

FIRST DAY—October, 13.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment and after hearing one hundredth Psalm read by the Moderator and prayer by Elder M. Lay, the introductory sermon was delivered by Elder S. G. Morgan, from Rev. 19; 7: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

Elders Jno. B. Abbott and Jno. P. Sharp went to the grove and preached to the people.

The Association was then called to order by the Moderator, letters called for and read, presenting the following table of statistics. (See table of statistics.)

The Association permanently organized by electing Elder M. C. Cross, Moderator; Elder S. G. Morgan, Assistant Moderator; W. J. Jeffers, Clerk and W. R. Hamby, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Decorum read by the Clerk and strict compliance therewith requested by the Moderator.

Called for letters from newly constituted churches and received a letter and delegates from New Liberty; letter read and received and delegate seated.

Called for corresponding letter and delegates from sister Associations, and received a letter from Stocton's Valley by the hands of Elders H. C. Jones and W. P. Parsons; a letter from East Tennessee Association, by the hands of Elders W. L. Seiber and James Goodman; a letter from Hiwassee by the hands of Elders Jno. P. Sharp and S. A. Waller; a letter from South Union by the hands of W. B. White, Jerry Meadors, Dan Cox, James Higinbotham, James Meadors and M. Lay; a letter from South Concord by the hands of Jno. B. Abbott and Louis Vaughn. Letters read, and delegates initiated and took seats in our body.

Invited visiting Baptists ministers to a seat with the body. Elder John P. Good was present and accepted a seat.

Entire delegation of Second Bethlehem church were appointed a Committee on Divine Service, and made the following report: Tonight, Elders John Good, James Lay, M. Lay and S. G. Morgan at the church; Elders W. B. White, H. C. Jones and W. R. Hamby at Pleasant Grove; Elders Maynard Cross and A. H. Watson at Pine Hill; Elders Grant Roberts and Wm. Douglass at Maple Grove; Elders Jno. P. Sharp and Jno. B. Abbott at Piney Grove; Elders W. R. Seiber, N. D. Brown and D. W. Owens at Stanfill School House.

Tomorrow at the stand, Elders S. A. Waller, M. Lay and W. B. White.

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

Committee to write corresponding letters, G. W. Cross, to Stocton's Valley; S. G. Morgan to Hiwassee; J. J. W. Stanley to South Concord; W. R. Hamby to South Union and W. J. Jefferson to East Tennessee.

Committee on Unfinished Business, S. G. Morgan, G. W. Cross, W. R. Hamby, G. C. Duncan, A. J. Phillips, and W. A. Cross, together with Moderators, corresponding delegates and clerks.

Committee on Obituaries, E. D. Daugherty, G. B. Lay, G. H. Pennington, and Jessie Lay.

Voted that our next Annual Meeting be held with the Elk Fork Church, near Elk Valley, Tennessee, beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1900, and that Elder E. D. Daugherty preach the introductory sermon, and that Elder M. C. Cross, be his Alternate.

The Association request the churches composing this body, to send a delegation to meet with a like delegation of Stocton's Valley Association at Clear Fork Church, on Friday, Oct. 27th, 1899, to act as an advisory council for the betterment of both Associations.

Prayer by Elder Jesse Lay.

Adjourned until 9:30 a. m. tomorrow.

SECOND DAY—October 14.

The Association met Saturday at 9:30 a. m., and after hearing the 3rd chapter of 1st Peter read by the Moderator were led in prayer by Elder S. G. Morgan.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and approved.

Roll called and names of members not present stricken

out. At this point Bro. M. Lay was invited and took a seat with the body.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported. Report received and committee discharged.

Read Corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows: To Hiwassee, Elders S. G. Morgan, W. R. Hamby, M. C. Cross and I. R. Roysden. Meets at Paint Rock Meeting-house, Roane county, Tennessee, on Friday before fourth Saturday in September 1900. To South Concord, A. M. Gregory, A. H. Watson, W. R. Hamby and J. B. Troxel. Meets at Big Springs, Wayne county, Ky., on Friday before 1st Saturday in October 1900. To South Union, J. Marcum, E. D. Daugherty, Jno. U. Chambers, James Hughett, R. Chitwood and W. J. Cordell. Meets at Good Hope Church, near Newcomb, Campbell county, Tenn., on Friday before 4th Saturday in September 1900. To Stocton's Valley, H. Reed, J. W. Stanley and S. G. Morgan. Meets with the church at Vann Branch, Pickett county, Tennessee, (10 miles north-west of Boydstown, Tennessee, on second Saturday in September 1900. To East Tennessee, Elders S. G. Morgan, G. C. Duncan, M. C. Cross, Jesse Lay, W. R. Hamby, W. A. Cross and E. D. Daugherty. Meets with the church at Corinth, Scott county, Tennessee, on Friday before the first Saturday in October 1900.

Any of the above delegates are authorized to select some other brother and insert his name on letters, if he cannot go himself.

Collection taken to pay corresponding delegate's expense, and received \$3.30.

We return thanks to the churches that complied with the request of this Association in contributing liberally to pay delegate's expenses, and request all our churches to continue to contribute for said expense; and request that the names of the churches be recorded in our minutes.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Report accepted and committee discharged.

W. P. Parson and Jno. P. Sharp were appointed a Committee on Finance, and reported \$18.84 for printing, and \$3.30 for delegates expenses.

Committee on Preaching made the following report: Tonight—Elders J. P. Sharp, M. Lay and W. B. White at the church; Elders S. G. Morgan, Wm. Douglass and Maynard Cross at Pleasant Grove; Elders G. B. Lay, Henderson Summers and A. J. Phillips at Pine Hill; Elders

W. R. Seiber, J. W. Stanley and A. D. Brown at Piney Grove, Tomorrow at the stand, Elders James Lay, John Goad, J. P. Sharp and M. C. Cross.

Names and Postoffice address of our Ordained Ministers ordered to be printed in our minutes.

The Association requested one or more ministers to visit her destitute bounds and churches that are not represented. Elders S. G. Morgan, I. Roysden, G. B. Lay, W. B. Douglass, W. R. Hamby and A. M. Gregory volunteered, and was heartily endorsed by the body. Churches that are destitute and desirous of preaching are requested to write these Brethren who volunteered to visit them.

All churches are requested to look to the needs of orphans and ministers in their bounds.

The subject of Sunday Schools was considered, and interesting talks made by G. W. Cross, Jesse Lay, M. C. Cross and others. We believe the Sunday schools to be a grand work, therefore, we advise each church in the West Union Association to organize a Sunday school under the auspices of the church, wherein our children can be trained up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. We admonish the Moderator of each church to see that this work is carried on and reported to our next Association.

Moved that we have one thousand 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 \$5.00 for his services. Reserve 250 copies for corresponding minutes.

We tender our grateful thanks to the members of Second Bethlehem church and entire community for their generous hospitality, and tender regard for our comfort during our stay with them.

Minutes of today's proceedings read and approved.

After singing, "How firm a foundation," amidst tears of joy, the fraternal grasp was taken.

Prayer by W. P. Parsons.

Thus ended the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the West Union Association, harmonious throughout.

M. C. CROSS, MODERATOR.

W. J. JEFFERS, CLERK.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Received by letter.	Restored.	Dismissed by letter.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total membership.	Sunday meetings.	Cont's delegates etc	Cont's for Printing
Anadel	J. Marcum, T. Batts and Wm. Ellis	0	0	0	1	0	0	14	4	20	\$ 30
Antioch	J. R. and H. Phillips, and S. Reed	3	3	1	0	0	0	24	3	0	71
Buffalo	Wm. Cross, Jno. U. Chambers, J. Phillips and R. C. Crowley.	7	0	2	5	2	1	59	2	0	65
Black Creek	J. H. Sanders, P. A. Clark, Henry Reed and James Smither.	11	5	0	0	1	1	65	2	70	75
Bethaida	Jno. Foster, L. A. Honeycut and S. Griffith.	6	0	0	0	1	0	21	3	33	40
Bull Creek	M. Jeffers, J. Newport, T. S. Sexton	0	0	0	0	0	2	81	3	0	1 00
Beech Grove	A. H. Watson.	1	0	0	0	1	0	17	1	0	50
Bethlehem	C. C. Reed and M. E. Terry.	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	2	0	75
Elk Fork	W. B. Douglass, T. Lay and J. C. Gibson.	9	2	1	1	2	2	106	1	0	1 00
Little R'k Cr	Wesley and Elias Perry, and D. Anderson.	9	2	3	2	1	0	40	4	0	53
Mt. Zion	D. W. Owens and W. J. Jeffers.	2	0	0	1	0	1	58	4	0	70
New Zion	Jacob, D. B. and John Blevins.	0	0	1	0	0	0	66	2	0	55
New Salem	Hiram Baker, D. J. Bridges, James Hughett, James and G. B. Lay, G. H. Pennington and M. C. Cross.	6	1	0	0	1	1	197	3	0	1 00
New Liberty	A. M. Gregory, J. Watson and I. R. Roysden.	17	6	0	0	2	0	26	3	0	0
Nettle Cove	D. Lay and A. D. Brown.	2	2	0	1	4	3	62	3	15	75
New Prospect	Geo. Lay.	6	1	1	0	0	0	26	4	0	50
Oak Grove	E. Blevins and T. Davis.	0	0	0	2	0	0	13	4	0	75
Otter Creek	W. R. Hamby, E. D. Daughtery, J. B. Troxel and D. Foster.	4	4	3	1	6	1	127	4	25	75
Paint Rock	T. and M. Sexton and A. J. Phillips	0	1	0	0	3	0	69	1	67	1 00
Pine Knot	S. G. Morgan and W. B. Creekmore.	0	1	1	0	7	0	73	3	0	1 00
Pine Creek	W. F. Thomas.	0	0	0	6	0	1	71	1	0	50
Pl's'nt Grove	G. C. Duncan, W. J. Cordell, D. K. and J. H. Murphy, Lewis Grant.	1	0	0	1	0	2	154	3	0	1 00
Pine Hill	G. W. and D. Acres, J. M. Abbott, J. W. and J. S. Stanley, Jno. Morris	0	1	0	0	0	0	26	2	60	60
2d Beth'hem	Richard, Jesse and F. M. Chitwood, J. Lay, D. Strunk and M. Trammel	0	0	0	0	0	1	30	1	50	50
Union	M. C. and G. W. Cross, G. B. Lay.	0	1	0	2	0	0	55	4	0	1 00
Wolf Creek	Riley Spradiin.	0	1	0	3	0	0	7	0	0	50
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The following churches were not represented—last year's membership given: Davis' Chapel, 28; Ezerel, 92; Hickory Grove, 18; Rock Creek, 44; Slick Rock, 15; Sulphur Springs, 23; Zion, 46.

OBITUARIES.

LOUISA ROSS.

Louisa Ross, born August 14, 1825, and departed this life July 3, 1897. She joined the church at an early age and lived a pious and devoted life. One daughter is left to mourn her loss. On her deathbed she requested all her friends and relatives to meet her in Heaven.

ISHAM DUNCAN.

Isham Duncan was a member of the church for about three years; he departed this life January 15, 1896. He leaves a father and four sisters to mourn his loss, who have our sympathies and our prayers.

MARY STRUNK.

Mary Strunk departed this life July 23, 1899; was a member of the Buffalo church. She leaves a husband, a father and a loving mother to mourn for her. May God bless them all through life's journey, and may they all, with their friends, be prepared, while here, to meet her in glory.

SOLOMON STRUNK.

Solomon Strunk was born 1822; departed this life August 7, 1899. He was a pious and devoted member of the church for twenty years. He leaves a lonely widow and many friends and relatives to mourn his loss, who have our kindest sympathies and sincere prayers, that they may so live that their last days may be like his—days of joy.

R. D. STRINGFIELD.

R. D. Stringfield was a member of Mt. Zion church when he died; was a member of the church about ten years. After having accomplished his work here, he has joined many of his loved ones in glory. He leaves a little daughter to mourn his loss. May God's rich blessings rest upon this little orphan girl, who has neither father nor mother to guide her steps.

JOSEPH DOUGLASS.

Joseph Douglass was born 1858, and departed this life 1899. He was a member of the church at Nettle Cove. Died in the full triumph of Faith. Five children are left to mourn his loss. While the family is now divided, may the time come when they will all meet in Heaven, where parting shall be no more.

RACHEL MURPHY.

Rachel Murphy was born November 4, 1841, and departed this life February 12, 1899. She joined the church and lived a faithful member for forty years, three months and eight days. On her deathbed she said, "I am going home to glory."

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