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OF THE  
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OF UNITED BAPTISTS,  
HELD WITH  
**BUFFALO CHURCH,**  
**Six Miles East of Huntsville, Tenn.,**  
**October 10th, 11th and 12th, 1902.**

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Next session will be held with New Salem church, 9 miles south-east of Oneida, Tenn., beginning on Friday before the second Saturday in Octooer, 1903.

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## Articles of Faith.

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

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

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

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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.

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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 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 can 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.



## FIRST DAY—FRIDAY OCTOBER 10.

The West Union Association of United Baptists met in its thirty-third annual session with the Buffalo church, 6 miles east of Huntsville, Scott county, Tenn., on Friday, October 10, 1902.

A sermon introductory to the business of the Association was delivered by Elder W. B. Hamby. Text: Revelations 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."

Elder G. C. Duncan, Moderator, called the Association to order for a permanent organization. Letters of the churches of this body called for and read and messengers enrolled. (See table of statistics.)

The Association proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Elder T. M. Ellis, Moderator, Elder G. C. Duncan assistant Moderator, W. J. Jeffers, Clerk, and W. T. Pennington, Assistant Clerk.

By request of the Moderator, Elder G. C. Duncan read the rules of Decorum, Called for newly constituted churches and received a letter from Union Cove church. Letter read and messengers seated.

Called for corresponding letters from sister Associations, and received a letter from Hiwassee Baptist Association by the hands of Elder S. A. Waller and Brother A. D. Chastine; letter read and delegates seated. A letter from East Tennessee Baptist Association by the hands of Elder Levi Sieber and Brothers C. H. West, G. H. West and J. T. Anderson; letter read and delegates seated. A letter from South Union Baptist Association by the hands of Elders M. Lay, W. B. White and Brother John W. Swain. Letter read, delegates seated. A letter from South Concord Baptist Association by the hands of Elder Grant Roberts; letter read, delegate seated. Laurel Creek Baptist Association asks for correspondence through her messenger, G. W. Sego. Messenger seated and correspondence granted for the present year, and until further investigation. Elder H. C. Jones, of Stocton's Valley, was invited to a seat; accepted.

At this point the entire delegation of Buffalo church, together with one delegate from each of the other churches were appointed a committee on divine service.

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

A motion was put before the body to ask South Union to have no further correspondence with New River Association. Motion lost.

At this point Elder M. Lay, of South Union, was permitted to speak of some of the causes of non-correspondence between this and New River Association.

The Moderator appointed the following committees :

Correspondence—East Tennessee, M. C. Cross; South Union, W. T. Pennington; Stocton's Valley, J. M. Newport; South Concord, W. A. Cross; Hiwasse, B. R. King; Laurel Creek, A. M. Gregory.

Obituaries—W. Perry, W. R. Hamby.

Unfinished Business—M. C. Cross, A. J. Chambers, and A. H. Watson, together with Moderators and Clerks.

The following churches asked for the next Association: Black Creek, New Zion, Paint Rock and New Salem. New Salem was granted next Association.

Voted that Elder T. M. Ellis preach the introductory, and that Elder M. A. Cross be his alternate.

Each church in the bounds of this Association is requested to organize a Sunday school, to be fostered by said church.

The Moderator appointed the following committee, viz: M. C. Cross, W. R. Hamby, W. J. Jeffers, W. T. Pennington, F. M. Chambers and J. M. Newport, to meet at this term of the Association, and organize a Sunday school convention by the name of "The West Union Baptist Sunday School Convention;" also select the place, and name a date for its first meeting. Any member of the foregoing committee is empowered to select some one in each church to superintend Sunday school work in said church.

East Tennessee Association requested the ministers of this Association to visit them and labor in its bounds. Request granted.

Committee on Divine service made the following report: Tonight, Elders J. H. Roberts and A. D. Brown at the Jeffers school house; Elders G. C. Duncan, S. A. Waller and G. W. Sego at the church; Elders M. C. Murphy, Levi Sieber and J. M. Griffith at L. B. Croley's; Elders W. T. Pennington and W. A. Cross at Buffalo Springs; Elders H. C. Daugherty and B. King at Anadel; tomorrow at the stand, Elders M. Lay, H. C. Jones, J. H. Sanders, S. A. Waller and A. M. Gregory.

Moved that we correspond with New River Association. A move to table the above motion was lost, and W. J. Jeffers was appointed to write a letter of correspondence to the above named association.

On motion the ministers of New River Association present were invited to seats.

On motion the Association adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow morning. Sang "Am I a soldier of the Cross," and was led in prayer by Elder T. M. Ellis.

## SECOND DAY—SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11.

The Association met Saturday morning about 10 o'clock, the day being very disagreeable and rainy.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder M. Lay, of South Union.

Elder M. C. Cross was chosen assistant Moderator for the day, as the assistant, previously chosen, was absent on account of rain.

Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and received.

The reception of Union Cove church was reconsidered, and after investigation, the church was rejected.

Committee on unfinished business reported. The report received, and committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows: To South Union, meets at Bethel, 6 miles east of Pine Knot, Ky., on Friday before fourth Saturday in September, 1903, Elders H. C. Daugherty, M. C. Murphy, W. B. Douglas and Brother John W. Chambers. To Laurel Creek, which meets at ———, 6 miles north of Whitley Station, on Friday before fourth Saturday in October, 1902, Elders W. Perry, M. C. Murphy, W. R. Hamby and S. G. Morgan. To New River, meets at Bethel church on Thursday before 3rd Saturday in October, 1902, Elders G. B. Lay, J. M. Griffith, W. B. Douglas and Brother John U. Chambers. To Hiwassee, meets at Old Friendship church, 5 miles south-east of Roddy, Rhea county, Tenn., on Friday before 4th Saturday in September, 1903, Elders G. B. Lay, W. R. Hamby, S. G. Morgan, G. C. Duncan and M. C. Cross.

The Clerk was ordered to write corresponding letters to Stocton's Valley, South Concord and East Tennessee, and messengers appointed to bear them as follows: To South Concord, meets at Canada's Creek church near Coopersville, Ky., on Friday before first Saturday in October 1903, Elders W. R. Hamby, A. H. Watson, M. C. Murphy, J. M. Griffith and A. M. Gregory. To Stocton's Valley, Elders J. W. Stanley, Monroe Sexton, A. H. Watson, W. T. Pennington and John Foster. To East Tennessee, Elders M. C. Cross, J. M. Griffith and Brothers C. Jeffers, E. Newport and Aaron Good.

Committee on Obituaries reported. (See report elsewhere.)

Several of the churches reported concerning the propriety of a treasury in each church, and Otter Creek church has a treasury. A great many of the churches failed to report.

The report of Elder Jesse Baird concerning the purchasing of a printing press was read and received.

Committee on preaching reported: Tonight, Elders M. Lay, J. M. Griffith and Levi Seiber at the church; Elders A. M. Gregory, John W. Stanley and John Low at L. B. Croley's; tomorrow at the stand, Elders T. M. Ellis, M. C. Cross, A. M. Gregory and Jno. Low.

Committee on Finance M. Lay and Grant Roberts, reported \$1.26 delegates expense and \$21.34 for printing. Clerk reported \$11.82 on hand.

Ordered that we have 1000 copies of the proceedings of this association printed, and that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of the same, and be allowed \$5.00 for his services. Reserve 200 copies correspondence. On motion the association paid \$2.00 each, to John Foster and John W. Stanley, their expenses, for visiting Stocton's Valley Association as corresponding delegates.

**RESOLVED**, That this body return its sincere thanks to Buffalo 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 received. Sang "What wonderful love is this," and took the parting hand, in hopes of meeting at New Salem one year hence, and if not permitted to meet there? we hope by the grace of God, to meet in heaven where parting will be no more.

Prayer by Elder Grant Roberts.

ELDER T. M. ELLIS, Moderator.

W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk.

## OBITUARIES.

JAMES SEXTON, born — 1819, departed this life July 13, 1901. He was a pious and devoted member of the church about 35 years. He leaves a wife and eleven children who have our sympathies and our prayers. May they all so live while here, as to meet and live with him in glory where parting will be no more.

C. H. Anderson, born July 6, 1842, and departed this life Oct. 14, 1901. He was a faithful member of the church about eleven years. He has gone, we hope, where sickness and sorrow never come. He leaves a wife and several children to mourn after him. May the time come, when they all will be united with him in heaven.

RUTH DUNCAN, wife of Oliver Duncan, Sr., born August 4, 1832, departed this life May 14, 1902. Joined the church at an early age, was a pious and devoted member of the church about 52 years, was a member of the Mt. Zion church when she died. She died in the full triumphs of faith, saying in her last days, "There is not spot or blemish before me." While her death is our loss, we feel it is her eternal gain. She leaves an aged husband and six children who have our prayers and our sympathies, and while the family is now divided, may they so live in this world that they may all be united with her in heaven.

REINE WALKER, wife of Jerry Walker, departed this life a short time ago. She leaves a husband and several children to mourn her absence. She was a member of the Pleasant Grove church for many years. May husband and children be prepared, while here, to meet her in glory.

WM ANDERSON, born May 8, 1832, and departed this life Feb. 1, 1902. He was a devoted member of the church for 18 years, and died in the full triumph of faith. In his last days, he read his Bible and marked many places, and said "I believe in the final perseverance of the Saints in Grace and Holiness, and not one of them will be finally lost." We pray the Lord of the vineyard to send more laborers to preach the same.

LINDSY HONEYCUT, born Oct. 25, 1873, departed this life Oct. 27, 1901. He was a faithful member of Baptist Church about four years. He was faithful member up to the time of his joining the U. S. army. He leaves a sister and three brothers to mourn his absence, but we hope our loss is his eternal gain.

JAS. H. LAY, born July 16, 1878, departed this life June 1902. He was a member of the Baptist Church for years. He leaves father, mother, and wife and two children to mourn his absence. May they all be prepared, while here, to meet him in glory.

BERRY BOWLING, born August —, 1828, departed this life Nov. 2, 1901. He was a faithful member of the church about twelve years. Having lived his Three Score and Ten, has gone, we hope to reap his reward in glory. He leaves four children. May God bless them through life's journey, and may they be prepared to live with father in glory.

JANE ELIZABETH STRUNK, wife of Abraham Strunk, born April 18, 1879, departed this life Sept. 28, 1902. Joined the Buffalo Church in September 1893. She died in the full triumphs of faith, and has gone, we hope, to reap her reward in glory. She leaves a husband, one child and an aged father and mother to mourn after her. May God bless her husband and enable him to raise the little one in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

ARMINDA PHILLIPSE, wife of Ewel Phillipse, born, Jan. 14, 1844, departed this life June 2, 1902. She joined the church in 1860, and lived a pious and devoted Christian life about forty-two years. She leaves an aged husband and eleven children to mourn for her. We feel that our loss is her eternal gain.

SARAH ELSECT, departed this life about four months ago, was a member of the Pleasant Grove Church. She has gone, we hope to reap her reward in glory.

WILLIAM D. LAY was born in the year 1828, and departed this life Jan. 17, 1902. He was a member of the Baptist Church about fifty-six years. Having lived his Three Score and Ten, he has gone, we hope, where age, sickness and death are unknown. He leaves a wife and eleven children to mourn his absence. May they all so walk as to meet and live with him in glory.

W. R. HAMBY }  
W. PERRY { Committee.



## Names and P. O. Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Brown, A. D., Newcomb, Campbell Co, Tenn. Baird, M. D., " " " Baird, Jesse, Elk Valley, " " Cross, M. C, Boyd, Scott Co., " Cross, W. A., Almy, " Cross, H. M., Gum Fork, " Cecil, R. C., Almy, " Duncan, G. C., Winfield, " Daugherty, E. D., Winfield, " Ellis, Wm., Almy " Ellis, T. M., Bowl, " Douglas, Wm., Newcomb, Campbell Co, " Douglas, W. B., Elk Valley, " Griffith, J. M., Mill Creek, Scott Co, " Harness, Jno., Hugebett, " Hamby, W. R., Winfield, "	Lay, Jas., Bowl, " " Lay, G. B., Bowl, " " Lay, Jesse, Isham, " " Gregory, A. M., Oneida, " " Marcum, Joe, Bowl, " " Murphy, M. C., Strunk, Whitley Co., Ky. Morgan, S. G., Pine Knot, " " Owens, D. W., Bowl, Scott Co., Tenn. Penington, W. T., " " Perry, Wesley, Mars Creek, Whitley Co, Ky. Phillips, A. J., Almy, Scott Co., Tenn. Roysden, J. R., Oneida, " " Sexton, Monroe, Almy. " " Stanley, J. W., Oneida, " " Troxel, J. B., Pine Knot, Whitley Co., Ky.
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## Order of Business.

### FIRST DAY—

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Read Letters and Enroll Delegates.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for New Churches.
5. Call for Correspondence.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Select place of next Meeting.
8. Whom to preach Introductory Sermon.
9. New Business.
10. Announcements.
11. Adjournment.

### SECOND DAY—

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Read and Correct Minutes.
3. Report of Committees.
  - (a) On Correspondence.
  - (b) On Unfinished Business.
  - (c) On Obituaries.
  - (d) On Queries,
  - (e) On Finance.
4. Who to Superintend Printing of Minutes.
5. Resolutions.
6. Adjournment.

## STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Messengers.	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Present Membership	Saturday Meeting	Contribution for Printing
Antioch	J. R. Phillips, J. G. Phillips	0	0	0	0	1	0	31	1	\$ 50
Buffalo	W. A. Cross, J. M. Newport, J. U. Chambers, W. F. P. Chandler, Pleasant and Claborn Jeffers	0	2	0	0	0	1	55	2	90
Beech Grove	A. H. Watson	4	1	0	1	0	1	26	2	50
Black Creek	J. H. Sanders, B. Hembree, Thomas Smither	4	2	0	0	1	2	83	2	1 25
Bethaida	John Foster	0	0	0	1	1	1	13	2	40
Bull Creek	E. Newport, Joseph Newport, R. Fritts, B. L. Harness, M. Jeffers	0	0	0	0	0	1	79	3	90
Bethlehem	E. W. Litton, I. C. and C. C. Reed	0	0	0	0	0	2	66	2	50
Cherry Fork	Isaac Reed	0	1	0	3	0	1	92	4	00
Capuchin	D. L. and Wm. Bridges, E. and Heuderson Terry, T. M. Ellis	9	8	0	0	0	0	25	2	90
Davis' Chapel	Letter, no delegate	0	2	0	1	0	0	36	4	50
Elk Fork	W. B. Douglass, L. M., J. B. and Aaron Baird, J. C. Gibson, D. Sexton	1	2	0	3	2	1	96	1	1 00
Hicory Grove	David Crabtree	3	7	1	0	0	0	36	1	50
Little Rock C'k	W. Perry	10	0	0	2	0	2	43	4	66
Mt. Zion	T. M. and R. Ellis, Joseph Owens, O. M. and W. J. Jeffers	0	0	0	1	0	1	54	4	60
Mt. Pleasant	M. C. Murphy, J. H. Spradlin	3	0	0	0	0	0	16	2	25
New Zion	Wesley Owens	2	0	0	1	0	0	38	2	50
New Liberty	A. M. Gregory	1	1	0	0	3	1	38	3	1 00
New Salem	J. Lay, G. H. and Thomas Pennington, E. Phillips, A. J. Chambers	10	0	2	3	1	2	187	3	90
Otter Creek	W. R. Hamby, H. C. Daugherty, B. R. King, Grant Lee	16	6	1	0	4	0	132	4	1 00
Oak Grove	H. R. Blevins	0	0	0	1	0	0	17	4	50
Paint Rock	A. J. Phillips, M. Sexton, W. T. Pennington, M. E. Thompson	0	1	0	0	0	1	74	1	1 75
Pine Knot	Letter, no delegate	14	1	1	0	3	0	100	3	1 50
Pine Hill	W. L. Price, J. W. Stanley	0	0	0	0	4	0	26	2	75
Pleasant Grove	G. C. Duncan, Calvin Baker	0	1	0	1	2	167	3	1 00	
Rock Creek	Letter, no delegate	4	0	1	1	0	0	33	2	60
2nd Bethlehem	Richard Chitwood	0	0	0	0	4	0	41	2	50
Slick Rock	P. M. Goad, Aaron Goad, J. M. Griffith	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	4	35
Union	Calvin Marcum, G. B. Lay and M. C. Cross	0	0	0	1	0	2	45	4	40
Zion	Rufus Anderson	4	0	0	0	1	1	52	2	1 78
Total,		85	35	6	20	26	22	1717	21	34

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