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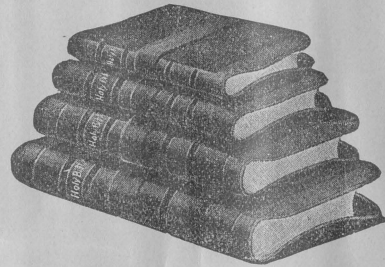
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Next Session, Pine Knot, Ky., Commencing on Friday before the Second Saturday in
October, 1904.

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Articles of Faith.

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.

4th—We believe we have no right to commune with any but legally baptised church members and that immersion is the only mode.

5th—We believe in the resurrection of the just and unjust, and that the enjoyment of the righteous and the punishment 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 no one of them will be finally lost.

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.

Rules of Decorum.

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

2nd—A Moderator and Clerk to be chosen of our body.

3rd—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, until 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.

BOWL, TENN., OCTOBER 9 1903.

The West Union Association of United Baptists met this day in its thirty-fourth annual session with New Salem church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the moderator. A sermon introductory to the business of the association was delivered by Elder T. M. Ellis; text, Acts 15:6, "And the Apostles and Elders came together for to consider the matter." The association was then called to order for a permanent organization by the moderator. Letters of the different churches called for and read, presenting the following table of statistics:

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Sat'day's Meeting	Contrib'n Del. Ex.	Contrib'n Print'g
Antioch	J G and E M Phillips, J C Terry	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	1	5	88
Buffalo	J U Chambers, W F P Chambers, Cla born Jeffers. R C Croley	0	1	0	0	0	4	55	2		80
Black Creek	W B Nance. J H Sanders	1	2	0	0	0	4	70	2	50	1 00
Bethaida	Jno Foster	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	2		40
Bull Creek	M Jeffers, J Harr ess, R Frits, J New- port, T Sexton	0	0	0	0	0	1	77	3		1 00
Cherry Fork	R C Cecil, Wm Sexton, C C West	0	1	0	0	0	5	88	4		1 00
Capuchin	E and H Ferry, Wm Sexton, T Barnes D L Bridges	9	3	0	0	0	1	38	2		85
Elk Fork	J Baird, J Sharp, D Sexton	0	1	2	12	41	2	81	1		1 00
Hickory Grove	David Crabtree J Crabtree	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	1		55
Little Rock Creek	Wesley Perry	0	0	0	0	0	2	41	4		30
Mt. Zion	W C, G W and Joseph Owens, J J Will- hite, J Marcum, W J Jeffers, Oliver Duncan. T M Ellis	2	2					58			79
Mt. Pleasant	M C Murphy, J M Stephens, J S Spradlin	17	7	0	0	0	0	40	2		75
New Zion	John Blevins, J Litton	2	0	1	4	2	3	40	2		95
New Liberty	A M Gregory	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	3		1 00
New Salem	A J and F M Chambers, Thos and T F Laxton, Jas and F Lay, G L Coop- er and H M Cross	5	1	0	13	4	3	200	3		1 00
New Prospect	Geo W Lay, Z D Allen	0	0	0	0	0	1	31	4		50
Nettle Cove	C C Hicks	1	0	2	0	2	0	59	3	50	25
Otter Creek	B R King, W R Hamby, E D and H C Daugherty, J M Strunk, J B Troxel, J Cordell	20	1	0	2	0	2	153	4	25	1 00
Paint Rock	Roe Sexton, W N West, W A Cross, W T Pennington.	0	4	0	0	0	1	75	1	135	1 00
Pine Knot	S G Morgan, A J Kidd	0	0	1	2	4	0	85	3		1 00
Pine Hill	Jno Basal, J W and J S Stanley, W L Price, Jno Morris	2	0	0	0	0	0	29	2	50	50
Pleasant Grove	G C Duncan, H Murphey	12	0	0	3	1	3	172	3		1 00
Pine Creek	J A Marcum	0	0	0	0	0	0	71	1		50
‡Pine Grove	Joel Chitwood, D B Blevins, W A Crab- tree	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4		55
Rock Creek	J M Foster, J R Winchester	0	0	0	0	1	3	29	2		90
Sec. Bethlehem	Jesse and Richard Chitwood, Jesse Lay, A J Crabtree	0	0	0	0	2	0	39	1		60
Second Union	Louis Waller, J Dropey	0	0	0	3	1	1	40	1		75
‡Standfill	J C Gibson, W R Sharp							13	3		50
‡Sand Hill	A B Cox, Andrew Jones							69			60
Union	M C Cross, G B Lay	11	16	0	14	0	0	58	4	25	1 10
‡Union Cove	J H Roberts, M C Cross							13	1		50
Zion	John Childress, W Blankenship, R Smith, W Ryan, J W Wright	31	7	1	2	0	1	84	2		1 06
	Total	113	46	8	65	21	37	1861		330	24:9

‡ Denotes a new church.

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Statistics Continued.

Total for last year of churches not represented: 1st Beech Grove, 26; 2nd Bethlehem, 66; 3rd Davis' Chapel, 36; 4th Oak Grove, 17; 5th Slick Rock, 16; 6th William's Creek, —.

Proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year which resulted in the election of Elder T. M. Ellis, moderator, Elder M. C. Cross, assistant moderator, W. J. Jeffers, clerk, and W. J. Penington, assistant clerk. Rules of decorum were then read and strict compliance therewith requested by the moderator. Called for newly constituted churches and received a letter and messengers from each of the following churches, viz; Pine Grove, Stanfill, Union Cove, and Sand Hill. Letters read and messengers seated in our body.

On motion the association decided to receive in the future no new church that failed to report in full its organization, Articles of Faith and Church Covenant. Called for corresponding letters from sister associations, and received a letter from East Tennessee Association by the hands of Elder L. Sieber and J. M. West. A letter from Hiwassee by the hands of Elders S. A. Waller and J. R. Smith. A letter from South Union by the hands of Elders W. B. White and J. M. Cordell. Letters read delegates initiated and seated in our body. A letter from New River Association by the hands of Elders Jno. Law, F. M. Chambers, Jno. Collins, Wm. Tackett, J. W. Patterson and M. D. Phillips. Letter read, messengers seated. Entire delegation of New Salem 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: New River, Hiwassee, Stocton's Valley, East Tennessee, South Concord and South Union.

The following committees were appointed by the moderator:

- a. On Correspondence; S. G. Morgan, W. T. Penington and W. J. Jeffers.
- b. On Obituaries; W. R. Hamby, D. Sexton, W. A. Cross and R. C. Cecil.
- c. On Queries; S. S. Morgan, S. A. Waller, Jno. Harness and Jesse Baird.
- d. On Resolutions: Jno. Sharp, G. C. Duncan, Jesse Lay and Richard Chitwood.
- e. On Unfinished Business; R. C. Cecil, G. C. Duncan, S. G. Morgan together with moderators and clerks.

On motion Elder Grant Roberts, of South Concord Association, was invited to a seat. Voted that our next annual session be held with the Pine Knot church, Pine Knot, Ky., and that Elder B. R. King preach the introductory; alternate, M. C. Cross.

Committee on Divine service reported—Tonight Elders Jesse Lay, A. J. Kidd, S. G. Morgan, J. R. Smith and S. A. Waller, at the church; Elders E. D. Daughtery and W. R. Hamby at Sugar Grove; Elders J. H. Roberts, Wesley Perry, Jesse Baird and G. C. Duncan at Mt. Zion; Elders Job Chitwood and A. M. Gregory at Capuchin; Elders Jno. Law and H. M. Cross at the 5-Gums.

Ordered that the names and P. O. addresses of the Ordained ministers of

this body be printed in our minutes.

The association adjourned after prayer by Elder S. A. Waller, of Hiwassee.

SECOND DAY.

The association met Saturday at 9:30, a. m.; 133rd Psalm read by the moderator, and was led in prayer by J. C. Gibson. Minutes of yesterday's proceedings read and received.

Committee on preaching made the following report: Today at the stand Elders Jno. Foster, J. H. Sanders, A. M. Gregory, Grant Roberts, F. M. Chambers and Jno. Law. To night, Elders Timothy Patterson, W. B. White and R. C. Cecil at the church; Elders S. A. Waller and Joel Chitwood at Mt. Zion; Elders Jno. W. Stanley and A. J. Kidd at Sugar Grove; Elders S. G. Morgan, H. M. Cross and E. D. Daugherty at Capuchin. Tomorrow at the stand Elders S. A. Waller, W. B. White, A. J. Chambers and T. M. Ellis.

Committee on Obituaries reported. [See report elsewhere.]

Committee on Queries made the following report: "Is it right to fellowship brothers and sisters, who are partakers of box suppers and afterward a game of snap?" Answer, No. "What should be done with them?" Admonish them to reform from such conduct, as it has the appearance of evil.

S. G. MORGAN }
S. A. WALKER } Committee.
J. C. HARNES }
JESSE BAIRD }

Committee on resolutions reported. Report read and received, committee discharged. Committee of 1902 appointed to visit Laurel Creek association. Reported, committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows: To New River—Elders T. M. Ellis, H. M. Cross, Jesse Lay, A. J. Chambers, E. D. Daugherty, W. A. Cross, R. Chitwood, G. B. Lay and Bros. Wm. Sexton and E. Terry. To East Tennessee, meets at Shiloh church house, Anderson county, Tenn., Friday before the first Saturday in Oct., 1904—Elders E. D. Daugherty, W. C. Shelton, H. C. Daugherty and G. B. Lay. To South Union—Elders B. R. King, A. J. Kidd, W. R. Hamby, M. C. Murphy, I. M. Strunk and E. D. Daugherty. To Hiwassee, meets at Macedonia church house, (10 miles east of Kingston, Roane county, Tenn., 9 miles west of Lenoir) Friday before the fourth Saturday in Sept., 1904—Elders G. B. Lay, W. C. Shelton, H. C. Daugherty, T. M. Ellis, W. A. Cross. To South Concord—Elders B. R. King, A. J. Kidd, W. R. Hamby and I. M. Strunk. To Stocton's Valley—Elders B. R. King, S. G. Morgan, J. B. Troxel, R. Chitwood, W. R. Cross, J. R. Winchester and W. R. Hamby. Meets near Albany, Ky., second Saturday in Sept., 1904.

The committee on Sunday school convention of 1902, retained said committee to meet at Paint Rock church house on the first Saturday in May, 1904, and each church composing this body is requested to send one delegate to the convention.

Committee on finance reported \$3.30 delegates expenses and \$23.70 for

printing minutes.

Report of W. J. Jeffers, treasurer of West Union association: On hand	
October 11, 1902	\$11.82
Received October 11, 1902	23.15
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Ordered that we have 1,000 copies of the proceedings of this association printed; that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same, and be allowed \$5 00 for his service. Reserve 200 copies for correspondence.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That we advise our churches that have any members that preach, teach or advocate any doctrine contrary to the Articles of Faith of United Baptists, to demand of such members their credentials and admonish them; if not heeded to after the first and second admonition reject them.

That we advise our churches to abstain from making or dealing in intoxicating liquors.

That we advise our ministers not to organize new churches where they will conflict with other churches of this body.

That this body return its sincere thanks to New Salem 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. The session was harmonious throughout. One of the most pleasant and we hope one of the most profitable for years. Sang and took the fraternal grasp midst tears of joy in hopes of meeting at Pine Knot one year hence, and if not permitted to meet there we hope, by the grace of God, to meet where partings are known no more.

W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk.

ELDER T. M. ELLIS, Moderator.

Obituaries.

Robert Stanley, born Jan. 24, 1848, departed this life Sept. 16, 1903. He was a pious and devoted member of New Salem church for several years. Died in the full triumph of faith and has gone, we hope, to reap his reward in glory. He leaves a wife and seven children. May they all be prepared while here to meet and live with him in glory.

Wm. Barker, born April 18, 1874, departed this life — — 1903. Was a member of the Baptist family for a number of years, and has gone, we hope, where sickness and sorrow never come.

Hiram Baker, born April 27, 1825, departed this life Dec. 8, 1902. Joined the church at an early age, and was a deacon of the church for many years. On his death bed he requested his wife to tell all the preachers; "I am going home to live with God in glory." He leaves a wife and ten children to mourn his absence.

Wm Cecil, born Feb 29, 1828, departed this life Jan. 2, 1902. He was a faithful worker in the Kingdom of our Lord. Just before entering the Valley he said: "My wife has gone from me. I am left to weep since she can no longer cheer me with love's hope. I am going to live with her in glory." He leaves eight children to mourn his absence.

Bettie Chambers, wife of Marion Chambers, born March, — 1839, departed this life May 4, 1903. She was a pious and devoted member of the Baptist church. Said on her death bed: "I am not afraid to die." She leaves six children and an aged husband. May God bless them all to meet and live with her in glory.

Rosa L Sexton, wife of Wm. Sexton, born July 31, 1879, departed this life Nov. 28, 1903. She was a devoted member of the church several years. She said: "I am contented with anything Jesus does. He will take care of me." She leaves a husband and one child. May they be prepared while here to meet and live with her in glory.

Ang'a Keeton, wife of Lincoln Keeton, departed this life about one month ago. She was a member of Cherry Fork church for several years, and leaves a husband and four children to mourn after her. May they live with mother in glory.

Nancy J. Troxel, widow of Peter Troxel, born April 2, 1842, departed this life July 8, 1903. Was a devoted member of the Otter Creek church for many years. She leaves eight children. May they all so walk as to meet and live with her in that blest world above.

Wesley Owens, born about 1833, departed this life Sept. 1903. He was a faithful member of New Zion church when he died. Joined the church at an early age. He leaves a wife and three children to mourn his absence.

Riley Jeffers departed this life July 8, 1903. Age 67 years. He was a faithful member of Buffalo church for many years. He leaves several children. We hope he has joined his loved ones in glory.

Blag Jeffers departed this life Aug. 4, 1903. He was a faithful member of the Buffalo church for many years. He leaves a wife and several children, who have our prayers. May they all so live as to meet and live with father in heaven.

John Jeffers departed this life March 3, 1903. Age 81 years. Was a member of Buffalo church. He leaves a wife and several children. Having lived to a ripe old age he has gone, we hope, where age, sickness and death are not known and where the weary are at rest.

Alena Chambers, wife of John N. Chambers, departed this life Jan. 5, 1903. She was a pious and devoted member of Buffalo church. During her last months of life she suffered much pain, but patiently. God has taken her, we hope, to a world where pain and suffering are unknown. She leaves a husband

and five little girls. May God bless them all, and may their father bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

T. W. Sexton, of Paint Rock church, departed this life — — 1903. He was a devoted Christian ever ready to work for the Master's cause. He leaves a wife and two children, May she bring them up in the fear of the Lord, that they may meet and live with father in glory.

WM. SEXTON,
R. C. CECIL,
W. A. CROSS,
W. R. HAMBY. } Committee.



APPENDIX.

Names and Post Office Addresses of Ordained Ministers,

Brown, A. D., Newcomb, Tenn.	Harness, John, Hughett.
Baird, Jesse, Elk Valley.	Hamby W. R., Winfield.
Chambers, A. J., Bowl	King, B. R., Pine Knot, Ky.
Cross, M. C., Byrd.	Lay, James, Bowl.
Cross, W. A., Almy.	Lay, G. B., Bowl.
Cross, H. M., Gum Fork.	Lay, Jesse, Isham.
Crabtree, W. A., Winfield.	Marcum, Joe, Bowl.
Cecil, R. C., Almy	Murphey, M. C., Strunk, Ky.
Duncan, G. C., Winfield.	Morgan, S. G., Pine Knot, Ky.
Daugherty, E. D., Winfield	Owens, D. W., Bowl.
Daugherty, H. C., Winfield.	Pennington, W. T., Almy.
Douglas, Wm., Newcomb.	Perry, Wesley, Pine Knot, Ky.
Douglas, W. B., Elk Valley.	Phillips, A. J., Almy.
Ellis, Wm., Almy.	Phillips, J. G., Hellenwood.
Ellis, T. M., Bowl.	Roysden, J. R., Oneida.
Gregory, A. M., Oneida.	Sanders, J. H., Riobins.
Griffith, J. M., Mill Creek.	Sexton, Monroe, Almy.
Hale, John, Buckeye.	Stanley, J. W., Oneida.
Hale, W. B., Buckeye.	Troxel, J. B., Pine Knot, Ky.



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up in the foot

Ellis
Grego
Griffith
Hale, J.
Hale, W.

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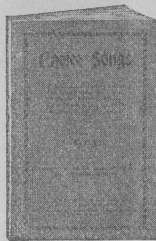
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