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THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
West Union Association
OF UNITED BAPTISTS

HELD WITH THE
ZION CHURCH

GUM FORK, TENN.

October 13, 14, and 15

1905

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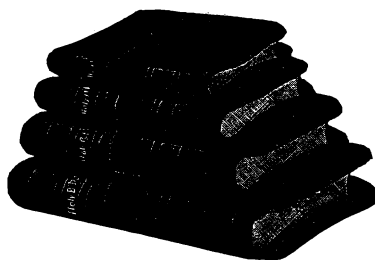
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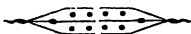
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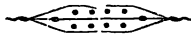
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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
Thirty-Sixth Annunal Session
OF THE
WEST UNION
ASSOCIATION OF UNITED BAPTISTS
HELD WITH
ZION CHURCH

Gum Fork, Scott County Tenn., October 13, 14 and 15, 1905.



MOD'R, H. M. Cross, Gum Fork, Tenn., Ass't S. G. Morgan, Pine Knot, Ky.
CLERK, W. J. Jeffers, Oneida, Tenn. Route 1. Ass't J. B. Foxel, Pine Knot, Ky.
Next Session, Almy, Tennessee. Time Friday Before the Second Saturday in
October, 1906



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WEEKLY HERALD PRINT
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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 baptized 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) Unfinished Business.
 - (c) Obituaries.
 - (d) Queries.
 - (e) 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 pre-

vent 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.

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

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

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY

GUM FORK, TENN., OCT. 13, 1905

The West Union Association of United Baptists met this day in its thirty-sixth annual session, with Zion Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the Moderator.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder, H. W. Cross; text, John 10: 28, "And I give unto them eternal life, and they shall never perish."

The Association was then called to order for a permanent organization.

Letters of the different churches called for and read presenting the following table of statistics: (see table of same.)

The Association was permanently organized by electing Elder H. M. Cross, Moderator; Elder S. J. Morgan, Assistant Moderator; W. J. Jeffers, Clerk and J. B. Troxel, Assistant Clerk.

Rules of Decorum were then read and strict compliance therewith requested.

Called for letters from newly constituted churches and received none.

Called for letters and corresponding delegates from sister Associations and received a letter from New River Baptist Association by the hand of Elder F. M. Chambers; a letter from South Concord by the hand of N. C. Coffee; letters read, messengers seated.

Received a letter from Hiwassee Baptist Association by mail.

Jas. M. Cordell and James Meadows of South Union Association were invited to seats, accepted.

Entire delegation of Zion Church to gather with one delegate of lay mem-

bers, from each of the other churches represented were appointed a committee on preaching.

Moved that we correspond with the following Associations, Viz: New River, South Union, South Concord, Stocton's Valley and Hiwassee.

The following committees appointed; (a) Correspondence; Hiwassee. J. H. Roberts—South Union, S. J. Morgan, South Concord, W. R. Hamby. Stoctn's Valley W. T. Pennington.—New River J. M. Chambers.

(b) Obituaries—W. A. Cross and J. C. Gibson.

(c) Queries—T. M. Ellis, Jesse Baird, F. M. Chambers and E. D. Daugherty.

(d) Resolutions:—Jessee Baird, W. B. Douglas and M. C. Murphy.

(e) Unfinished Business, J. C. Duncan, W. B. Douglas: W. Perry and W. J. Jeffers.

(f) Temperance. F. M. Chambers, J. E. Cordell and S. G. Morgan.

(g) Sunday School. W. B. Douglas, J. E. Harmon, E. S. Wells and J. M. Chambers.

Committee on preaching made the following report:—

To night Elders, E. D. Daugherty, Joel Chitwood, J. M. Chambers and W. R. Hamby at the Adkin's School House; Elders W. B. Douglas and F. M. Chambers here at the church; Elders, Q. C. Duncan, M. C. Murphy and Ambrose Spradlin at Gum Fork; Elders. J. M. Cordell H. M. Cross and W. B. Douglas at Capuchin Elders, J. M. Ellis, R. D. Ellis and J. R. Lay at Upper Rock Creek To morow at the stand, Elders, J. H. Roberts, Jesse Baird, J. C. Gibson and J. W. Stanley.

Voted that our next annual session be held with Paint Rock Church, near Aleng, Scott, Co. Tenn., and that Elder, S. G. Morgan preach the introductory sermon, Elder, T. M. Ellis be his alternate.

On motion the clerk was ordered to have five hundred blank letters of correspondence, printed and distribute them among the churches, and the same be paid for out of the funds in the treasury.

The following query was placed by the Association, before the committee on queries

“What shall we do with those who preach Divine Healing of themselves?”

Adjourned by singing and prayer until 9:30. to morrow.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION

The Association met Saturday 10 a. m., after hearing 61 Psalms read was led in prayer.

Committee on Unfinished Business reported; report read, received and committee discharged.

Read corresponding letters and appointed messengers to bear them as follows; To New River, C. Jefferson, W. A. Cross, J. M. Chambers.

To Stocton's Valley, Melts at Mt. Hellen, three miles West of Bugby Tenn.; 2nd Saturday of Sept. 1906, R. D. Ellis, D. B. Blevins, W. B. Nance, S. G. Morgan. T. M. Ellis and J. Terry.

To South Union—Meets at Croach's Creek, one mile East of Jellico, Tenn on Friday before 4th Saturday of Sept. 1906; Elders, W. B. Douglas, M. C. Murphy, C. R. Stanfill, J. R. Lay and Bros J. M. Wilcox, W. E. Price, G. H. Pennington and A. J. Walden.

To Hiwassee—Meets at Concord Church, Meigs county, Tennessee, Friday before 4th Saturday Sept. 1906; Elders S. G. Morgan, T. M. Ellis, J. M. Chambers, and Bros. W. M. Terry and W. J. Jeffers.

To South Concord— Meets at Freedom church, 3 miles from Written, Wayne Co., Ky, on Friday before 1st Saturday, Oct. 1906; Elders J. B. Troxel, C. B. Stanfill, S. G. Morgan, M. C. Murphy, W. R. Hornby, Ambros Spradlin Bro. W. L. Price.

Committee on correspondence released.

Committee on Obituaries reported. Report received and committee released. (See report on Obituaries.)

Committee on Queries made following report: "We, your committee on Queries beg to submit the following report:

1. "Do ministers that are not ordained have the right to be pastors of churches?" Answer, No.

2. "What shall a church do with those who preach divlne healing of themselves?" Ans. Admonish them to quit, if not heeded, them reject them,

We further request our ministers to have nothing to do with ministers who have been excluded for departing from the Faith.

T. M. ELLIS, F. M. CHAMBERS, }
E. D. DAUGHERTY, JESSE BAIRD } Committee.
AND M. C. MURPHY. }

Moved to reconsider query No. 1. The word pastor should have been moderator, the above committee retained on same.

Committee on Temperance made the following report. "Where as, Intemperance is degrading to Christianity, and the Bible says "use not strong drink." We advise church members to abstain from intoxicating drink and that the churches deal with those who drink, as many of our boys and girls are brought to poverty and shame by the use of strong drink. Respectfully Submitted.

F. M. CHAMBERS, }
S. G. MORGAN, } Committee
J. M. CORDELL, }

Interesting talks on temperance, were made by S. G. Morgan, Jas. M. Cordell, F. M. Chambers and H. M. Cross.

Committee on S. S. made the following report: "We your committee beg leave to submit the following report, we find a minute of the "West Union S. S. convention, which was organized at Second Bethlehem church on Second Saturday of May, 1905, and its second session to be held at New Salem church second Saturday of May 1906. We advise the churches composing this body

to organize a S. S. in each church and see that they have Baptist Literature. Each S. S. send delegates to the convention at New Salem Second Saturday of May 1906.

J. M. CHAMBERS, }
 W. B. DOUGLAS, } Committee.
 E. S. WELLS. }

Committee on Finance Jas. M. Cordell and U. S. Trammell reported \$1.25 delegates' expense. \$24.23 for printing.

Second Union church dismissed by letter.

Report of committee on Resolutions. "We your committee on Resolutions submit the following report: 1. Resolved, That we advise our churches to strictly adhere to the resolutions as they appear in minutes of 1904, as we are unable to pass better resolutions.

Be it further resolved, That we hereby tender our grateful thanks to Zion church and entire community for their generous hospitality and tender regard for our comfort during our stay with them.

JESSE BAIRD, }
 M. C. MURPHY, } Committee.
 W. B. DOUGLAS. }

Committee on the reconsidering of Query No. 1. reported, the report read and tabled.

Moved that we have 1200 copies of the proceedings of this Association printed, and that the clerk superintend the printing and distribution of same and be allowed seven dollars for his service.

Reserve about 200 for correspondence.

Ordered the the clerk pay 75c each, to J. W. Stanly and John Foster and \$1.00 to J. R. Lay delegate expenses.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

On hand Oct. 8, 1904.....	\$8.54
Received " " "	31.69

\$40.23

Paid for printing minutes etc.....	\$25 63
Oct. 14, 1905, paid delegate	2.50

\$28 13

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Committee on Divine Service reported. Tonight Elders J. C. Gibson, W. B. Douglas, and T. M. Ellis at Gun Fork; Elders W. R. Hornby, J. B. Troxel and W. T. Pennington at Dennis Wrights; Elders F. M. Chambers, Monroe Sexton, and W. P. Douglas at Capuchin; Elders A. Spradlin, H. C. Daugherty,

and M. Perry at Chitwood school; Elders J. M. Cordell and J. M. Chambers at the Adkins school house; Elders W. A. Cross, Joel Chitwood and J. H. Roberts here at the church; tomorrow at the stand Elders H. M. Cross, S. G. Morgan, G. C. Duncan and F. M. Chambers.

Minutes of to-day's proceedings ordered to be corrected by the clerk.

Adjourned, prayer by W. B. Douglass. The session was harmonious.

Elder H. M. Cross, Moderator.
Gum Fork, Tenn.

W. J. JEFFERS, Clerk.

Oneida, Tenn., Route 1. Box 21.

OBITUARIES.

Elizabeth Pennington, was a pious and devoted member of New Salem church for many years. Was more than eighty years of age at departure from this life, has gone, we hope to reap her reward in glory.

Sally Laxton, Deaconess of New Salem church, died at a ripe old age; I as gone we believe, to live with loved ones in heaven.

Elizabeth Horness, wife of Elder Jno Horness, departed this life Sept. 6, 1905. Has been a devoted member of the church since 1871, She leaves a husband and eight children who have a share in our prayers.

Elder James Lay, born Feb. 20 1820 departed this life Jan. 9 1905. Minister of the gospel about sixty four years. Was in the organization of this association, and a member of our churches. Though fallen asleep, he still lives in our hearts, he leaves an aged wife and five children. May God be with the aged mother.

Sally Phillips, wife of John Phillips, born Nov. 3 1817 deceased Jan. 21 1905. Was a member of Cherry Fork church. She leaves nine children to mourn her absence. May God bless them all through life's journey.

S. F. Lay, son of Elder James Lay, was a member of New Salem church. Has gone we hope to reap his reward in glory.

Elizabeth Hughtett, age ninty three was a devoted member of the church for a number of year. She departed this life Sept 1905.

Mary Martha Boyd, daughter of John and Emily Boyd was born Sept. 1887 Departed April 2 1905. Died in the full triumph of faith. Spoke of the "heavenly home" in her last words.

We your committee note with sadness other deceased members whose names are not given.

May God be with all the bereaved is the prayer of your committee.

W. A. Cross }
J. C. GIBSON } Committee.

Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Brown, A. D., New Comb, Tenn.	Horness, John. Haggett, Tenn.
Baird Jessee, Elk Valley, Tenn.	Hamby, W. B., Winfield, Tenn.
Chambers. A. J. Elk Valley, Tenn.	King, B. R., Pine Knot, Ky.
Cross, M. C., Pioneer Tenn. R. 1.	Lay, G. B., Pioneer, Tenn., R. 1.
Cross, W. A. Almy, Tenn.	Lay, Jesse, Isham, Tenn.
Cross, H. M. Gum Fork, Tenn.	Marcum, Joe, Bowl, Tenn.
Chambers, J. M. Bowl, Tenn.	Murphy, M. C., Strunk, Ky.
Cecil, R. C., Almy, Tenn.	Morgan, S. G., Pine Knot, Tenn.
Crabtree, Albert. Bowl., Tenn.	Owen, D. W., Bowl, Tenn.
Duncan. G. C. Winfield., Tenn.	Pennington, W. T., Almy, Tenn.
Daugherty, E. D., Wirfield, Tenn.	Perry, Wesley, Pine Knot, Ky.
Daugherty, H. C., Winfield, Tenn.	Phillips, A. J., Almy, Tenn.
Douglas, W. B., Elk Valley, Tenn.	Phillips, J. G., Helenwood, Tenn.
Ellis. T. M., Bowl, Tenn.	Roysden, J. R. Oneida, Tenn.
Ellis. Richard, Oneida, R. 1.	Sanders. J. H., Robbins, Tenn.
Gregory, A. M., Almy, Tenn.	Sexton, Wm, Elkvalley, Tenn.
Hale, John, Buckeye, Tenn.	Sexton, Monroe, Almy, Tenn.
Hale, W. B., Buckeye, Tenn.	Stanley, J. W., Oneida, Tenn.

Troxel, J. B., Pine Knot, Ky.

Statistical Table.

Churches.	Messengers.	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis'd by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total	Meeting Saturday's	Contrib'n Del. Ex	Contrib'n Print'g
Antioch	J. M. Phillips	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	0		.50
Buffalo	W. P. Chandler, C. Jeffers	2	1	0	4	0	2	67	2		.85
Beech Grove	Not represented							22	4		
Black Creek	Wm Nance, R. Lackey, J. Terry	0	1	0	1	3	1	73	2	.25	.75
Bethaida	John Foster, Jas. Honeycutt	0	0	1	2	0	0	13	3		.45
Bethlehem	E. Litton	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	5		.35
Bull Creek	Letter. No delegate	0	0	0	0	0	1	83	3		.55
Big Creek	Not represented							19	3		
Cherry Fork	Caswell Sexton	2	0	0	0	0	1	102	4		.80
Capuchin	Elijah Terry, H. Terry	5	0	0	0	1	0	44	2		.65
Davis Chapel	Not represented							36			1.00
Elk Fork	Jesse Baird, L. M. Baird	4	1	0	1	0	0	91	1		.50
Hickory Grove	Wm. Crabtree, N. Taylor	0	0	0	1	1	0	35	1		1.00
Indian Creek	J. H. & F. A. Roberts, John Olives	6	3	15	0	2	1	38	1		
Little R. Creek	W. Perry, J. W. Spradlin, H. M. Duncan, M. Lovett, J. C. Anderson	0	3	0	0	1	1	43	4		.53
Mt. Zion	T. M. & R. D. Ellis, W. J. Jeffers	7	1	0	0	0	1	73	4		.50
Mt. Pleasant	M. C. Murphy, E. Ramsey, J. S. Spradlin, E. D. Daugherty	1	0	0	1	3	3	41	2		1.30
New Liberty	Not represented							55	3		
New Salem	Wm Terry, H. M. Cross, S. L. Lay, G. H. Pennington, J. M. Chambers.	18	2	1	1	0	9	203	3		.85
New Zion	Not represented							36	2		
New Hope	J. R. Lay, A. J. Wallen	4	4	2	0	0	0	16	2		.75
New Prospect	G. W. Lay, Z. D. Allen	0	0	0	0	3	0	19	4		.40
Nettle Cove	L. C. Davis, M. B. Davis	1	1	0	0	3	0	58	3		.75
Otter Creek	W. R. Hornby, J. B. Troxel, J. Ross, K. K. Troxel, H. C. Daugherty	21	1	4	0	11	0	161	4		1.33
Paint Rock	Monroe Sexton, W. T. Pennington, W. A. Cross	4	0	0	0	0	0	84	1	1.00	1.00
Pine Knot	S. G. Morgan, J. E. Harman	0	0	1	9	0	0	81	3		.60
Pine Hill	G. W. Acres, J. W. Stanley	13	0	1	0	0	0	40	2		.75
Pine Grove	Joel Chitwood, D. B. Blevins	1	0	0	0	0	0	24	4		.35
Pleasant Grove	G. C. Duncan, Calvin Baker	12	0	2	0	1	2	183	3		1.00
Pine Creek	A. J. & W. H. Thomas, J. V. Terry.	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	1		1.10
Rock Creek	C. B. Stanfill	3	4	2	0	6	1	47	3		1.00
Sec. Bethlehem	Not represented							40	1		
Stanfill	J. C. Gibson, M. & W. B. Douglas	8	6	0	0	0	0	37	3		.50
Sand Hill		1	2	0	1	1	1	67	2		.50
Sulphur Spring	Jesse Stephens, A. Spradlin	0	0	0	0	0	0	22	4		.50
Union	J. M. Silcox	0	2	1	1	1	1	61	4		.55
Upland	E. S. Wells	2	2	0	0	0	0	24	1		1.20
Sec Union	W. P. Douglas, Jesse Baird, Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	2		.50
Zion	U. S. Tronnel, Jas. Neal, Wm. Angle	8	2	0	0	0	0	88	2		.98
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Is it wise to put into the hands of Baptist children and youth a literature which in some parts is largely sensational, in other parts directly opposed to Baptist teaching, and in no part clearly and positively declarative of our distinctive denominational views? What sort of Baptists will the next generation be if the youth of this generation are brought up on a merely negative or an essentially Pedobaptist literature, and are never taught in the Sunday school the truths for which our fathers were ready to suffer and which form the only ground for our denominational existence? And how are young people to be brought to Christ and developed into stalwart Christians, if the aim in the literature employed is mainly to gratify a craving for the sensational and not to instruct and fortify against errors in doctrine and life?

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