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OF

UNITED BAPTISTS



Held With The
POPLAR CREEK CHURCH
Knox County, Ky.
October 2nd and 3rd, 1906.



Moderator, S. STANFILL, Pleasant View, Ky.
Clerk, P. L. MAHAN, Jellico, Tenn.

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Constitution of East Union Association.



ARTICLE 1. This body shall be called East Union Association of United Baptists, and shall be composed of churches of the United Baptist faith and order.

ART. 2. Each church composing this body shall be entitled to representation with one vote for every twenty members, or fraction thereof.

ART. 3. This body shall meet annually according to adjournment.

ART. 4. This body, at each annual meeting, shall elect, by open ballot, a Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, whose duties shall be such as custom imposes on such officers.

ART. 5. The business of this body shall be for the advancement and growth of Christ's Kingdom among all the churches of this body or elsewhere. Planning and advising and using all lawfull and necessary means in our power to build up new churches, and building them up in the most Holy faith.

ART. 6. This body shall exercise no ecclesiastical authority.

ART. 7. This body may appoint a committee to carry out or perform any business under Article 5.

ART. 8. This body shall be constituted by and with messengers and delegates from the different churches belonging to this Association.

ART. 9. New churches will be received by a vote of the delegates present, upon approved evidence of their United Baptist faith and principles. A majority rules.

ART. 10. Visiting brethren of same faith and order will be invited to seats with us, and allowed the liberty of speech, but not to vote.

ART. 11. The constitution may be altered or amended, except Article 6, by concurrence of two-thirds of the members present, after notice having been given at its previous annual meeting.

ART. 12. No member shall speak more than twice upon any one subject without leave of the Association. Chairman of committees are given ten minutes, all others five, unless time is extended by the Association.

ART. 13. Members wishing to speak shall arise and address the Moderator with brotherly respect, and await recognition from him, and then speak. Any brother, having received recognition from the chair, is entitled to the floor, undisturbed. while his five minutes last,

if he does not digress from the subject on which he is speaking. Members shall call no brother by any other appellation than that of Brother.

ART. 14. Any brother may arise to a point of order if any brother digress from the subject on which he is speaking, question of privilege.

ART. 15. A motion with a second is before the Association for action, unless another is made to amend, then the amendment is for action, afterwards the original.

ART. 16. No member shall absent himself from the house during the business hours, without leave of the Moderator.

ART. 17. All whispering and laughing strictly forbidden during business hours.

ART. 18. Two members arising and addressing the Moderator at the same time, both claiming the floor, the one fartherest from the Moderator shall be entitled to the floor first and the other next.

ART. 19. This association may withdraw its fellowship from any church in its bounds for a violation of departure from the United Baptist faith and practice.

ART. 20. The Chair, having decided any question which is thought to be contrary to the constitution of United Baptist faith, any brother may appeal from his decision to that of the house.

ART. 21. On each morning at the opening of the Association, there shall be given one hour, or such less time as necessary, to the offering of resolutions and such new business as is necessary.

ART. 22. If the Moderator fails to exact the rules of this Constitution in the transaction of business, any member of this Association may move him to order, if he fails to exact such rules, the Assistant Moderator shall take the Chair.

It is ordered that this Association adopt Mell's Parliamentary Practice for our guide in the transaction of the business of our Association, This done by order of the Association.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Annual Sermon.
2. Body called to order by Moderator or Assistant Moderator, Clerk, or Assistant Clerk, or in their absence, the body shall elect a Moderator pro tem.
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4. Call for new churches.
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Brethren Ben Parker and M. V. Siler were appointed as committee on enrollment. Letters from churches read and messages enrolled as follows:

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 - Beech Bottom—
 - Clear Fork—
 - Cumberland River—S. Stanfill, P. B. Stanfill, J. M. Ellison.
 - Central Grove—E. C. Dickson.
 - Jellico—A. F. Baker, D. O. Foley, M. V. Siler, P. L. Mahan.
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 - Locust Grove—
 - Mossey Gap—McClain Rose, H. B. Clark, Andrew Wells, J. R. Foley.
 - Mt. Zion—
 - New Hope—Alex Warfill, Tom Elliot, John Elliot, Elvin Parton, Craig Sharp, J. L. Prichard.
 - Pleasant View—J. S. Tye.
 - Poplar Creek—S. D. Miller, G. C. Teague, L. D. Miller, C. P. Miller, A. M. Miller, Frank Taylor.
 - Poplar Spring—
 - Rock Springs—Letter only.
 - Sulphur Springs—Nathan Lawson, John Reynolds.
 - Saxton—
 - Wheeler Creek—Marshall Murray, Craig Teague.
- On Motion and Second it was ordered that the word private in 4th Article of Constitution be supplied with the word open.
- The following officers were elected: S. Stanfill, Moderator, A. F.

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Baker, Assistant Moderator, P. L. Mahan, Clerk, B. F. Parker, Assistant Clerk.

New churches called for and received: Central Grove, Ark. Ky., by Bro. E. C. Dickson.

On motion and second the delegation of the Old Poplar Creek church was elected as committee on Divine service.

Corresponding letters called for and received, letters from South Union Association by J. H. Miller, from North Concord by B. E. Parker, from Lynn Camp, by W. M. Golden, from Mt. Zion. by John Sharp, John W. Jordan, H. H. Hibbs, E. E. Wood. The above delegation invited to seats with us.

The following committees were appointed:

State Missions—H. H. Hibbs, W. M. Golden.

Home Missions—J. M. Ellison, H. H. Hibbs.

Foreign Missions—A. F. Baker, I. Lawson, L. W. Hampton.

Orphan's Home—J. B. Evans, B. E. Parker, P. B. Stanfill.

Digest of Letters—L. D. Miller, C. P. Prichard, P. B. Stanfill.

Ministers Aid—J. S. Tye, J. L. Prichard.

Temperance—M. V. Siler, E. E. Wood.

Sunday School—P. L. Mahan, H. B. Lualen.

Education—E. E. Wood, A. F. Baker.

Religious Literature—C. G. Teague, D. O. Foley.

Obituaries—W. D. Siler, I. Lawson.

Resolutions—M. V. Siler, B. E. Parker.

Finance—P. L. Mahan.

Nominations—J. S. Tye, J. M. Ellison, A. F. Baker.

Big Poplar Church requests the Association to meet with them in the year 1907, which was unanimously granted. Dr. A. F. Baker was elected to preach the Annual Sermon, I. Lawson, alternate.

On motion and second, was ordered that someone be appointed to preach a doctrinal sermon some time during the services each year. On motion and second Dr. A. F. Baker was to preach at 2:30. Meeting adjourned until 2:30 p. m. Dismissed by prayer.

2:30 p. m.—Association met. After singing, Bro. E. E. Wood led in prayer. Sermon by Dr. A. F. Baker on a New Testament Church.

Report on the consolidation of the East Union and Mt. Zion Association. Ten churches opposed the consolidation and one in favor.

Adjourned til 8 o'clock, Oct. 3rd. Dismissed by prayer by S. Stanfill.

SECOND DAY, OCTOBER 3rd.

Association met at 8 a. m. After singing and prayer, Bro. E. E. Wood read Ephesians 3rd. chapter.

Delegates appointed to the following Associations:

Lynn Camp—I. Lawson to be held at Grays, Ky., Friday before the 3rd Saturday in September, 1907.

East Concord—A. F. Baker to be held with the Mt. Moriah church

on Friday before the 1st. Saturday in September, 1907.

Mt. Zion— S. Stanfill, P. B. Stanfill, J. S. Tye, A. F. Baker to be held at Tidal Wave, October 12th 1907.

North Concord—W. D. Siler, I. Lawson to be held at Mt. Zion church, Thursday before 2nd Saturday, September, 1907.

South Union—J. L. Reynolds, John Reynolds, Friday before 4th Saturday, September, 1907.

The following brethren were elected as an executive board for the year 1907—A. F. Baker, P. B. Stanfill, J. M. Ellison, J. S. Tye, J. W. Faulkner, Jr., P. L. Mahan.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

By State Missions we mean the efforts put forth by the General Association through its Board to save souls and build up the Baptist cause in the destitute parts of our own State. While there are two hundred thousand and more white Baptist in Kentucky many of them are doing little or nothing directly to aid the General Association in its great work. Much of the destitution in the State is in our own mountain section and at the same time we have a great many Baptist in this section. Our mountain brethren for many years past have been isolated from our people in other sections of the State and also uninformed upon the great work of our denomination. These conditions are rapidly changing; railroads are penetrating our mountains in every direction and developing our vast resources and Baptist schools are being planted everywhere. We Baptists of the mountains are now becoming well to do financially and some rich and our children are rapidly becoming educated. God is therefore calling us here in the mountains to take our stand by the side of our brethren in the other parts of the state, to push forward the work of State Missions.

The General Association maintained in Kentucky last year, 78 missionaries, 12 colporters and 4 or 5 evangelist. these received into the churches by baptism, letter and relation 2289 members. The State Mission Board received for State Missions last year \$14,585.16 which was \$3500 more than the previous year. H. H. Hibbs and W. M. Golden, Committee. Discussed by H. H. Hibbs.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign mission work is a living issue at present, urgent demand appeals to our liberality. 1st 'From a plain command of our Savior. "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

Here we have a plain three; saith the Lord.

1st. To preach the gospel.

2nd. To every creature.

3rd. To all the world.

That person claiming to be a Baptist who cannot see a command from his Lord in the above words to aid in giving the gospel to his

fellows or the Foreign field is in my honest judgment criminally ignorant and will have a fearfully sad account to give in a coming day.

Again I insist that a Baptist who claims that it is not his duty to give, and liberally divide his income in helping to give the gospel to the perishing millions of the earth who now are in heathendarkness without the gospel and hence without God and must of necessity, be eternally lost, if we fail to give it to them, is not worthy of the name Baptist.

We wish therefore to beg and urge with all our people, and every man or woman who wishes to ware the name of Baptist, to make a weekly or a least a monthly offering to our Foreign Mission work. Why not rise up and make an earnest and persistant effort to get every member of our churches to give something if it be but a small amount to this work.

Committee I. Lawson and A. F. Baker.

Discussed by A. F. Baker H. H. Hibbs and P. L. Mahan.

HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention located at Atlanta, Ga., has under its charge mission work in all the South and also in Cuba. The Home Board also has as part of its work the founding and maintaining of Baptist Schools in the mountain sections of the South. The Williamsburg Institute and also the Barbourville Institute have been aided for several years. This Board maintained last year 880 missionaries and these missionaries received into the churches, 27,614 members by letter and baptism. The Board received from all the States in the bounds of the Southern Baptist convention last year \$167,899.88 which was \$30,000 00 more than the previous year.

Committee H. H. Hibbs and J. M. Ellison.

Discussed by H. H. Hibbs.

ORPHAN'S HOME.

We your Committee on Orphan's Home beg to submit the following report:

Our Baptist Orphan's Home in Louisville, Ky.. still continues successfully in the good work of caring for the needy orphans of the State.

The new matron Miss Mary E. Abercrombie has introduced several improvements which add to the efficiency of the home

The children of this home are being sent to the Public School and are being taught and made efficient in sewing and cooking.

We find that 110 orphans were cared for during the past year.

This home is supported largely by the free will offerings of the people, we therefore, urge upon the brethren and sisters throughout the East Union Association to continue to increase their contributions of clothing, eatables, etc., the incoming year.

We recommend that a cash collection be now taken.

Respectfully submitted

J. B. Evans
P. B. Stanfill
B. E. Parker.

Discussed by J. B. Evans.

REPORT OF MINISTER'S AID SOCIETY.

We your committee on Ministers Aid Society beg leave to report We believe that it is the duty of the Baptist people to take care of their aged and worn out ministers.

We believe that the Baptist as a whole should be more thoughtful on this very important work for by our works we are to be known.

We further recommend that all churches take collections for same.

Committee

J. S. Tyn.

J. P. Prichard.

Discussed by J. S. Tye and Dr. Powell.

A collection taken for Minister's Aid and Orphan's Home amounting to \$78.65, in cash and subscriptions.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We the Committee on Temperance beg leave to report as follows:

We believe the subject of intemperance is one of vital interest, and in fact we believe the liquor traffic in our state and country is the greatest evil that confronts the cause of Christ to-day. The liquor traffic antagonizes every effort for goods, in church, state or nation, and is the direct producer of distress, poverty and crime. It is the blight of childhood, the shame of manhood and the fountain of heart-aches for the mothers and wives of our land, and the destroyer of the soul.

We are glad to call your attention to the fact that the Christian world is beginning to wake up and be aroused to their duty and are pressing temperance measures to the front in every religious and civilized land.

We call your attention to the temperance law which our last legislature of Kentucky passed known as the County Unit Law, which gives the people a vote by county, as to the sale of liquor within their border. This law was brought about by agitation and the passing of many resolutions of religious bodies and in response to thousands of prayers of our wives and mothers. We are glad to say this law brings the responsibility of the sale of liquor in the future in our own County and lays it at our feet. "The ax is laid at the root of the tree." Who will be the first to take it up and strike the fatal blow to the liquor traffic in old Whitley County?

It is easy to see the good results in our border state, Tennessee, where the saloons have been driven out never to return.

We all call your attention to the fact that under the Tennessee temperance laws, the people have moved the saloon out of every town and city in the state except 12 and their days are numbered.

An election is to be held in Whitley County under the County Unit Law on the six of next December.

Therefore, be it resolved that it is the sence of this body to urge

our preachers to preach temperance from the pulpits and urge all Christians to work and vote as never before and carry the temperance election which is now on.

Committee E. E. Wood
M. V. Siler.

Discussed by M. V. Siler, E. E. Wood, John Sharp, P. B. Stanfill, B. E. Parker, Dr. Powell, J. M. Bennett and P. L. Mahan.

Adjourned until 1 p. m.

Dismissed with prayer by Dr. Powell.

Association met at 1 p. m. After devotional exercises.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

We your committee on Sunday Schools beg to report the following: We believe the early impression made by the word of God are the most lasting, and the place to get this is in Sunday School. We are sorry to see so small a number of Sunday Schools in our bounds.

STATISTICS OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Report of twelve churches, only 5 churches report Sunday Schools—Pupils 417—money contributed \$176 05. Seven churches report show no Sunday School at all, and a falling off of 250 pupils. Therefore we recommend that all the churches take charge, organize and maintain a Sunday School.

Committee P. L. Mahan
H. B. Luallen.

Discussed by P. L. Mahan and S. Stanfill.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

It is with pleasure that we report upon the two schools represented in this association that both of them, the Williamsburg Institution, and the Barboursville Baptist Institution, have just passed through the most prosperous year of their history. Last year the school at Barboursville enrolled 268 pupils and employed five teachers. The Williamsburg Institute enrolled 618 pupils and employed fourteen teachers.

The Williamsburg Institute had completed at the opening of school January 1906, a \$20,000 dormitory for boys which was immediately filled to overflowing. The girls dormitory was full and many were turned away for lack of room.

Recently through the efforts of Rev. H. H. Hibbs, the Williamsburg Institute received a gift of \$40,000, with which to build a new recitation building.

In the state the outlook of Baptist educational affairs is very encouraging. Last June, at Richmond, the day before the meeting of the General Association of Kentucky Baptist representatives of most of the Baptists schools in Kentucky met and organized the Kentucky Baptist Education Society. No school is compelled to join this society,

but any Baptist school may do so by accepting the provisions of the charter of the society.

At this meeting it was decided to raise \$500,000 for Baptist schools in the state. Dr. Gatliff started the subscription by the extraordinary gift of 4000 acres of coal land, valued by experts at not less than \$100,000.

Dr P. T. Hale has just been elected corresponding secretary of this society and will soon begin an active campaign to raise the \$400,000 on the raising of which Dr. Gatliff's gift is conditional. Let all Baptist smile and say that by the help of God this great work shall be carried through in a triumph befitting our great denomination.

Committee E. E. Wood
A. F. Baker.

Discussed by E. E. Wood, B. E. Parker and J. W. Jordan.

REPORT ON RELIGIOUS LITERATURE.

We your Committee beg to report and recommend the following literature be kept in the homes by the head of the family of all Baptist of this Association.

The Literature Represented by the Southern Baptist Convention, Journals and papers such as, Home and Foreign Missions, The Western Recorder, Baptist Reflector, Baptist Argus, we especially recommend in our Great Strike on temperance the Kentucky Issue of Kentucky and the Anti-Saloon Journal of Tennessee.

We further recommend to all of our Sunday School Superintendents to use our own Literature published by the Southern Convention, at Nashville, Tennessee, it is almost inexcusable for any of our people in taking any other literature. Committee G. C. Teague

D. O. Foley.

Discussed by D. O. Foley P. L. Mahan, Dr. Powell and Dr Baker.

OBITUARIES.

We your committee on obituaries with sadness report that we find of the twelve churches represented in this Association that there has been fourteen deaths. While we mourn the departure we humbly bow our heads in submission to Gods will Committee D. W. Siler

I. Lawson.

Resolutions passed by the Boston Baptist Church reported favorable from its committee on Obituaries. The Rev. D. W. Oakes.

Whereas. We have recently lost from our pastorate, our church membership, our view and association, a pastor of long standing, a man of ripe experience, a man of many years, and

Whereas: We have lost a citizen of sterling worth, and a Christian of irreproachable life and deportment, and

Whereas: We have felt the blow entailed by a kind Providence

upon us, who are less experienced in years and service, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: First that we submit in love and faith to the Decree of the Lord, which has thus laid upon us as a people an additional burden of training another for the service our brother so lovingly and well rendered.

RESOLVED: Secondly, that our loss as a church is great by reason of the absence of our consecrated leader, earnest pastor, willing friend, cheerful adviser and genial associate.

RESOLVED: Thirdly, that in Brother Oakes the community has lost an untiring upbuilder, a well wisher of its detailed progress, and that his wife and children have lost a companion and father who is admired and loved among all who knew him.

RESOLVED: Fourthly that these evidences of our love and esteem be placed of record on our Church Journal, a copy furnished to the Jellico Advance-Sentinel for publication, and these recited facts be used in the tabulated necrology of the churches in the East Union Association minutes for 1906 and a copy be sent to the family of the deceased.

Committee John W. Faulkner
Hubert Faulkner
Isham O. Siler.

REPORT ON DIGEST OF LETTERS.

We the Committee on Digest of Letters submit the following report: We find the 12 churches are represented with a membership of 1740, we find that 7 churches which belong to the association are not represented.

Committee L. D. Miller
C. P. Prichard.

RESOLUTIONS.

Your Committee on Resolutions beg to submit the following report:

RESOLVED, that we tender our heartfelt thanks to the people of this church and vicinity for the hospitality and love shown us during our stay with them.

RESOLVED, that we thank the officers and members of this association for their faithful adherence to duty.

RESOLVED, that this association condemn the use of intoxicating drinks and requests that each church discipline its members with great faithfulness for the manufacture, sale or use of strong drinks.

RESOLVED, it is the desire of the association to withdraw the hand and fellowship from churches that have pastors who are in sympathy with the use and sale of intoxicating drinks. Also churches that have members who are engaged in the manufacture sale or use of strong and intoxicating drinks or connected with the sale or use of same in any way.

Respectfully Submitted
B. E. Parker
M. V. Siler.

Discussed by B. E. Parker, Dr. Powel and S. Stanfill.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Received for printing minutes..... \$19.59.

Committee P. L. Mahan.

Subscription to be paid during the year, for Orphan's Home and Ministers Aid Society:

J. M. Ellison	\$10.00
J. S. Tye ..	10.00
D O. Foley	10.00
P. L. Mahan	10.00
W. J. Ledger	5.00
J. L. Reynolds	5.00
G. C. Teague	5.00
Minor Bryant	2.00
James Prichard	2.00
E. E. Prichard.....	2.00
Arch Ledger	2.00
J. L. Cnpp	2.00
M. V. Siler	5.00
Dr. A. F. Baker	5.00

On motion of J. M. Bennett seconded by P. B. Stanfill, our executive board was instructed to co-operate with the executive board of Mt. Zion Association in securing and maintaining a missionary to work in the two associations.

Bro. J. M. Bennett was elected to represent us at the General Association of Kentucky, Dr. A. F. Baker alternate. P. L. Mahan elected delegate to the Southern Baptist Convention, A. F. Baker also. P. L. Mahan was to see to the printing and distribution of minutes.

Association adjourned to meet with the Big Poplar Church on Tuesday before the 1st Saturday in October, 1907. Led in prayer by Dr. Baker. Dismissed by P. B. Stanfill.

