

# MINUTES

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**Sixty-First Annual Session**

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**Red River Association**

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**Primitive Baptists**

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**Held With**

**Pine Hill Church, Zachariah, Wolfe County, Kentucky**

**September 10, 11, and 12**

**Nineteen Hundred and Thirty-seven**

**ELD. W. L. KASH, Moderator.**

**BRO. B. BATES, Clerk.**

**BRO. R. L. THOMAS, Assistant Clerk.**



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## RED RIVER PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With Pine Hill Church, Wolfe County, Kentucky

Commencing On Friday, September 10, 1937

and Two Following Days

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### FRIDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 10

The Association met at Pine Hill church pursuant to the time appointed, at 10 o'clock a. m., and after singing and prayer by Eld. S. A. Amburgy, the introductory sermon was preached by Eld. W. L. Kash, using the following text: "But Wisdom Is Justified of Her Children."—St. Matt., 11 Chap., 19 V. The Association was then called to order by the Moderator and after prayer the transaction of business was taken up.

Letters from the following named churches called for, viz: Stillwater, Pine Hill, Hopewell, Samaria, Shady Dell, Mt. Olive, and Pan Bowl, and all responded except Mt. Olive and Pan Bowl. The names of the several churches and their statistics are shown in the table of statistics at the end of these minutes. Each and all of said churches were received by unanimous consent and their messengers seated in the body.

By private ballot Eld. W. L. Kash was chosen Moderator and Bro. B. Bates Clerk, and Bro. R. L. Thomas, Assistant Clerk.

By motion and second, letters from new churches of the same faith and order, not now in the Association, called for and none responded.

By motion and second, letters and messengers from our sister Associations, who are now in correspondence with us, called for and Rock Spring Association came forward with a letter by the hands of Eld. J. W. Dawson, only; said letter was received and the Moderator and whole body gave to Eld. Dawson the right hand of fellowship and a seat in the body.

New Liberty Association sent no messengers, but a letter from said Association sent by mail and also minutes of said Association, which were received as correspondence from said Association by unanimous consent.

By motion and second, transient ministers of the same faith and order called for and Eld. T. W. Osborne from Muskingum Primitive Baptist Association of Ohio responded, and Eld. C. M. Burch from Tate's Creek Association was also present.

By motion and second, letters from sister Associations of the same

faith and order, not now in correspondence with us, called for, and none responded.

By motion and second, and by unanimous consent it was agreed and ordered that our next Association be held with Samaria Church, Nelma, in the State of Wisconsin, to commence on Friday before the second Saturday in September, 1938, and the two following days.

By motion and second, it was ordered that the Moderator be empowered to make all temporary appointments, and he appointed the following named committee on arrangements: Bro. James Blankenship, Bro. Willie Adams, Bro. Alex Hays, Bro. Ponder Spencer, and Bro. R. L. Thomas.

He also appointed the following named committee on preaching: Bro. John Lee Campbell, Bro. Crit Cable, Eld. S. A. Amburgy, Eld. Wm. Powell, and Bro. B. Bates.

Committee on preaching appointed the following named ministers for the stand on Friday afternoon: Eld. Ponder Spencer, no text, and Eld. T. W. Osborne, text: Isaiah, 53 Chap., 11 V.; Eld. Wm. Powell to introduce.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren to prepare letters to other Associations: To Rock Springs Association—Bro. Crit Cable, and to New Liberty Association—Eld. S. A. Amburgy.

By motion and second, and by unanimous consent it was agreed and ordered that obituaries of departed members of the Association be printed in the minutes and that this be made a permanent order.

By motion and second, it was ordered that the Association be adjourned until Saturday morning at nine o'clock.

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## SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 11

The Association met pursuant to adjournment of yesterday.

Roll call. Messengers present.

Report of committee on arrangements called for, read and received and committee discharged.

The committee on preaching named Elders T. W. Osborne and J. W. Dawson to occupy the stand on Saturday morning. Eld. Osborne's text: Gal. 5 Chap., 22 V.; Eld. Dawson's text: St. John, — Chap., 3 V. And for Saturday afternoon the preaching committee designated Elds. S. A. Amburgy and W. L. Kash to occupy the stand.

The Moderator appointed the following finance committee: Bros. B. Bates and James Blankenship, and they reported collections as follows: for the printing and distribution of minutes—Stillwater, \$3.25; Pan Bowl, —; Pine Hill, \$3.50; Hopewell, \$4.50; Samaria, \$3.00; Shady Dell, \$3.00; Donation, .75; Total, \$18.00, and by order of the Association this money was turned over to Eld. W. L. Kash for the purpose of having 300 minutes of the Association printed and distributed. The report was accepted and the committee discharged.

Bro. Crit Cable came forward with a letter to Rock Spring Association, which was read and received, and the following named brethren agreed to bear same: Bro. B. Bates, Bro. Logan Miller, Eld. W. L. Kash, Bro. John Lee Campbell, and Bro. Wm. Adams. Letter delivered to Bro. B. Bates.

Eld. S. A. Amburgy came forward with letter to New Liberty Association. Letter read and received, and the following named brethren agreed to bear the same: Bro. Crit Cable, Bro. Wm. Adams, Bro. Logan Miller, and Eld. W. L. Kash. Letter delivered to Eld. W. L. Kash.

By private ballot Eld. W. L. Kash was chosen to preach the next introductory sermon, and Eld. S. A. Amburgy to be his alternate.

The committee on preaching named Elds. J. W. Dawson and T. W. Osborne to preach on Sunday, the Moderator to close.

Letter from Tate's Creek Association was presented by Deacon Robert Morris, he being also Moderator of said Association, asking that said Tate's Creek Association be taken under the watch care of this Association and that correspondence be taken up with said Association.

Also the matter of correspondence with Sand Lick Association and Brothers Crit Cable and Wm. Adams and Eld. W. L. Kash were appointed a committee to investigate said two Associations as to doctrine and order and report at our next Association.

By motion and second, and by unanimous consent a tender of thanks was voted to the people of the community who so willingly and bountifully took care of the present Association while in this session.

The Association was then adjourned in order by singing and prayer to meet again, the Lord willing, with Samaria Church in the State of Wisconsin, at the regular time, 1938.

Done and signed by order of the Association.

ELD. W. L. KASH, Moderator

BRO. B. BATES, Clerk,

BRO. R. L. THOMAS, Asst. Clerk.

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## SUNDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 12

On Sunday morning, the last day of the Association, a very large congregation assembled at the stand near Pine Hill Church house. The crowd, while very large and from many different churches and from different parts of the country, was a well ordered crowd and during the whole time of the services was extremely attentive and appeared to be and no doubt was, very greatly interested.

The preaching from the ministers on that day was very ably delivered and the Lord undoubtedly blessed them with the liberty of the spirit. Eld. Dawson used as his text the following scripture: "Having Loved His Own He Loved Them To the End," and from this he delivered an able and edifying discourse. Elder Osborne's text recorded in

the 15th Chap. of Luke, 6 V. He too delivered a very able and instructive discourse, which was well received. The Moderator closed with a short discourse, from the following scripture recorded in the 10th Chap. of Heb.: "After Ye Were Illuminated Ye Endured a Great Fight of Afflictions."

All of the preaching during the whole Association was a oneness on the doctrine of salvation by grace wrought out in the Son, and of God's eternal sovereignty.

The Association closed in fellowship and much love and peace was manifested.

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### MINISTERS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Stillwater—Elder Steve King, Keck, Ky., and Eld. Jeff Brewer, Means, Ky.

Pan Bowl—Elder W. L. Kash, Ravenna, Ky., and Levi Collins, Elkatawa, Ky.

Pine Hill—No Minister.

Hopewell—Elder S. A. Amburgy, Jeffersonville, Ky., Route No. 1, and Elder S. P. Tincher, Frenchburg, Ky.

Mt. Olive—No Report.

Samaria—Elder William Powell, Nelma, Wis., and Elder J. P. Spencer, Nelma, Wis.

Shady Dell—No Minister.

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### CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR ADDRESSES

Stillwater—Bro. James Blankenship, Hollonville, Ky.

Pan Bowl—Bro. H. C. Hurst, Jackson, Ky.

Pine Hill—Bro. Crit Cable, Zachariah, Ky.

Hopewell—Bro. Frank Amburgy, Mt. Sterling, Ky., Route 2.

Mt. Olive—No Report.

Samaria—Bro. O. E. Thrasher, Alvin, Wis.

Shady Dell—Bro. B. Bates, North Middletown, Ky.

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From a long series of experiences, we the churches of Jesus Christ being regularly baptized by immersion upon profession of our faith in Christ, are convinced of the necessity of a combination of churches, and agree to keep up the rules of our Association according to the following form of government, viz:

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in only one true and living God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power, and glory, yet there are not three Gods but one God.

Article 2. We believe the testimony of the Word of the Old and New Testaments is the true written word of God and the only rule of faith and practice.

Article 3. We believe in the fall of Adam and the imputation of his sin to his posterity, the corruption of his nature and the total inability of man to recover himself, either in part or in whole.

Article 4. We believe in election according to the foreknowledge of God, the Father, through sanctification of the spirit unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ.

Article 5. We believe that the saints will finally persevere in grace to glory, and not one of them shall finally be lost.

Article 7. We believe that there will be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Article 8. We believe that the Church of Christ is a congregation of faithful believers in Christ who have obtained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and to one another and have agreed to keep up a Godly discipline, according to the rules of the gospel.

Article 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the head of the church and that the government thereof is upon His shoulders.

Article 10. We believe that true believers are the only fit subjects of baptism, and that immersion is the only mode.

Article 11. We believe that the Lord's Supper and the washing of the Saints' feet are ordinances of the Lord and are to be continued by the church until His second coming.

Article 12. We believe it to be the duty of the churches thus united collectively or individually to remonstrate against any doctrines or opinions of men that does not comport with the principles of this Constitution, and if they fail to do so it shall be considered a violation of this Constitution.

Article 13. This Association shall withdraw from any church that acts or persists contrary to the principles of this Constitution.

Article 14. No church shall be received into this Association unless they subscribe to this Constitution.

Article 15. All matters coming before this Association shall be decided by the will of the majority except the receiving or dismissing of churches and corresponding with other Associations which shall be done by a unanimous vote.

Article 16. This Association shall be governed by a regular decorum. This done and signed by order of the Association.

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## RULES OF DECORUM

The following are adopted as the Rules of Decorum for this Association:

Article 1. The Association shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. A Moderator and a Clerk shall be chosen by the suffrage of the members present.

Article 3. The Association thus formed shall be a Council of Advice and not an authoritative body.

Article 4. The Moderator shall be deemed a judge of order, and shall have the right at any time to call to order.

Article 5. Any member not satisfied with his decision on any point of order may appeal to the Association on the same day but no other time.

Article 6. Only one person shall speak at the same time who shall rise and address the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Article 7. The person thus speaking shall not be interrupted in his speech by anyone, except the Moderator until he is done speaking.

Article 8. He shall strictly adhere to the subject, and in no wise reflect on the person who spoke before, so as to make remarks on his slips, failings, or imperfections, but shall state the case and matter as nearly as he can, so as to convey his light or idea.

Article 9. No person shall abruptly break off or absent himself from the Association without leave obtained.

Article 10. No person shall rise and speak more than three times on one subject, without leave of the Association.

Article 11. It shall be deemed a violation of good order for any person to laugh or whisper during public speech.

Article 12. No appellation but that of "Brother" shall be used in the Association.

Article 13. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him from speaking, until he gives his light on the subject, unless he breaks the rules of this Decorum.

Article 14. The names of the several members of this Association shall be enrolled by the Clerk, and called over as the Association begins.

Article 15. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privileges as any other member, provided the chair is filled, but shall have no vote unless the Association is equally divided.

Article 16. That any member who shall willingly and knowingly break any of these laws shall be reprovved as the Association shall think proper.

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## OBITUARIES

ELD. W. H. CHAMBERS

Elder William H. Chambers, one of the oldest members of the Red River Association, and a minister in the Association for more than forty years, was called to his eternal home on the 18th day of November, 1936,



at his home of Stillwater Creek in Wolfe County, Kentucky. Elder Chambers was a member of Stillwater Church, where he united in early life. He was born on the 8th day of April, 1860, and during the last years of his life he had suffered a great deal of physical pain, but he endured it patiently with much christian fortitude. He loved the cause of Zion, and firmly believed in the doctrine of salvation by grace and lived and died in the full triumph of a living faith. His funeral was conducted at Stillwater Church by Eld. W. L. Kash, his cousin and yoke-fellow in the gospel for many years, and he was laid to rest in the old family cemetery near the church to await the resurrection.

#### CHRISTIANNE PLUMMER BUSH

Christianne Plummer Bush, better known as "Aunt Ann" Bush, has been called to her reward since our last Association, and the following obituary was read at her funeral: "Christianne Plummer Bush was born August 24, 1852; died August 11, 1937; age 84 years, 11 months and 16 days. She was united in matrimony to Jeff Bush sixty-two years ago. To this union was born ten children, of which seven survive—Mrs. Cain Spencer, J. J. Bush, Mrs. Jim Holden, John P. Bush, Mrs. Wm. Adams, Clarence Bush, E. P. Bush; and three brothers, Messrs. Henry Plummer, Matt Plummer, and Anderson Plummer. She was an active member of the Baptist Church for more than forty years. She was a dutiful wife and loving mother."

Her funeral was conducted by Eld. W. L. Kash at old Pine Hill church in the presence of a large crowd and she was laid to rest in the old Bush cemetery nearby. "Aunt Ann" was long noted for her kindness and hospitality, for she was good and kind to all. Her aged companion, "Uncle Jeff" Bush, still survives.

#### NOAH LOVELY

One of our old soldiers of the cross, Brother Noah Lovely, has been called from our midst since we last met. He was a devoted member of Hopewell Church, where the Association was held at our last session, before this one, and was sound in doctrine and order, and left a bright hope of his future reward, which he considered was not reckoned of debt, but of grace. His family and brethren mourn his departure.



