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OF THE

FIRST ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

UPPER CUMBERLAND VALLEY ASSOCIATION

OF

UNITED BAPTIST

HELD WITH THE

Church at Mt. Pleasant, Harlan Co., Ky.,  
March 15, 16 and 17, 1890.

OFFICERS:

H. F. HENSLEY, Moderator, H. C. RICE, Clerk,  
T. G. HARRIS, Treasurer.

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At a Convention of the Baptist Churches of the North Concord Association, situated Southeast of the Pine Mountain, in Bell and Harland counties, Kentucky, held with the church at Mount Pleasant, Harland county, Ky., March 15, 16 and 17, 1890, the object of which was to organize those churches into a new Association.

Elder N. H. Noe led in prayer. The introductory sermon was preached by Eld. Jacob Carmack from Gal. 6 chapter, 7 and 8 verse. He explained the object of the Convention.

On motion Elder R. C. Medaris was elected temporary chairman, and H. C. Rice temporary secretary on organization.

Letters were received from the following churches: Bethel, Forester's Creek, Wallin's Creek, Middleton, Sandy Fork and Mount Pleasant, with statistics as follows:

Mt. Pleasant Church—Messengers, H. F. Hensley, Elders T. G. Harris, H. C. Rice, Martha Jones and Katie Turner. Total membership 45.

Middleton Church—Messenger, Eld. W. H. Shoemaker. Total membership 60.

Bethel Church—Messenger, D. H. Green. Total membership 7.

Wallin's Creek Church—Messenger, Eld. N. H. Noe. Total membership 100.

Forester's Creek Church—Messenger, Eld. N. H. Noe. Total membership 38.

Middle Fork Church—Messenger, Eld. A. B. Noe. Total membership 48.

Grand total of membership 298.

On motion Eld. R. C. Medaris was elected permanent chairman and H. C. Rice permanent secretary of the Convention.

On motion the following brethren were appointed a committee on Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum: Elders H. F. Hensley, W. H. Shoemaker, Jacob Carmack and N. H. Noe.

On motion the Convention adjourned until to-morrow at 10 o'clock a. m.

#### SECOND DAY—SUNDAY, 10 A. M.

Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. W. H. Shoemaker.

The committee on Articles of Faith, Constitution and Rules of Decorum, reported, and the report was received with some amendments.

On motion the following brethren were appointed as a Presbytery: Elders N. H. Noe, H. F. Hensley, T. G. Harris and W. H. Shoemaker. After prayer by Eld. A. B. Noe, the Convention adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. to-morrow.

#### THIRD DAY—MONDAY, 10 A. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Eld. N. H. Noe.

The Presbytery reported as follows: We the Presbytery by the Convention now in session with the church at Mt. Pleasant, Harland county, Ky., to organize said Convention into an Association, do declare that the churches composing this convention, are duly organized and constituted into an Association of the United Baptist faith and order, to be known as the Upper Cumberland Valley Association, and we do declare the same.

ELD. JACOB CARMACK,	} Presbytery.
“ N. H. NOE,	
“ W. H. SHOEMAKER,	
“ T. G. HARRIS,	
“ H. F. HENSLEY,	

The Association being duly organized proceeded to elect its officers by private ballot, which election resulted in: H. F. Hensley, Moderator, T. G. Harris, Treasurer and H. C. Rice, Clerk.

On motion the Association voted to hold its next meeting with the Mount Pleasant church, Harlan county, Ky., beginning on Friday before the 4th Saturday in August, 1890.

On motion Eld. N. H. Noe was elected to preach the next Annual sermon and Eld. J. M. Caldwell, alternate.

On motion the Clerk, H. C. Rice, was ordered to superintend the printing and distribution of the Minutes, and that he have not less than 100 printed.

On motion the Moderator appointed brethren H. C. Rice, T. G. Harris and D. H. Green a committee to raise funds to print the Minutes.

Eld. R. C. Medaris offered the following resolution which was adopted :

Resolved, That we appoint an Executive Board to try to raise funds to employ an Evangelist for the ensuing year to visit and labor in the destitution of this Association.

The following brethren were appointed as the Board: T. G. Harris, N. H. Noe, D. H. Green, W. H. Shoemaker, H. C. Rice, H. F. Hensley and J. M. Caldwell. Three of the above to constitute a quorum.

The following resolutions were then adopted:

Resolved, That we as an Association approve of the work of the General Association of Kentucky in its work to build up our Master's cause, and that we ask its aid in supplying the destitutions in our bounds.

Resolved, That we advise our churches to organize Sunday-schools, and report their success at our next meeting.

Resolved, That we heartily endorse the work of the Williamsburg Baptist Institute, and recommend that our brethren having children to educate send them there.

Resolved, That we recommend to our brethren to take and read our Baptist papers, and as such we recommend the Mountain Baptist, published at Williamsburg, Ky., and the Western Recorder published at Louisville, Ky.

Resolved, That we advise our Sunday-schools to use only Baptist literature, and as such we recommend the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, Philadelphia, Penn., and Kind Words, Atlanta, Ga.

Resolved, That we invite Correspondence from our sister Associations.

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the members of the Mt. Pleasant church and the citizens of the town for their kind and unbounded hospitality extended to us during our stay with them.

Eld. R. C. Medaris offered an order of business for next meeting which was adopted and ordered to be annexed to these minutes. The reading and approval of the minutes was dispensed with, and the clerk assisted by Eld. R. C. Medaris was instructed to revise and prepare them for the press.

On motion the Association adjourned until the time and place of next meeting. Prayer by T. G. Harris.

H. F. HENSLEY, Moderator.

H. C. RICE, Clerk.

## ARTICLES OF FAITH.

Art. 1. We believe in one living and true God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, equal in essence, power and glory; yet these three are but one God.

Art. 2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament are the written word of God, and the only infallible rule of faith and practice.

Art. 3. We believe in the fall of Adam, the corruption of human nature and the impotency of man to recover himself by his creature abilities.

Art. 4. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the righteousness of Jesus Christ imputed to them.

Art. 5. We believe that the saints will continue in a state of grace and not one of them will finally be lost.

Art. 6. We believe there will be a resurrection of the dead and a general judgement and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

Art. 7. We believe that the visible church of Christ is a congregation of faithful persons who have attained fellowship with each other and have given themselves up to the Lord and one another, having agreed to keep up a Godly walk agreeably to the rules of the Gospel.

Art. 8. We believe it to be the duty of all christians to make an abridgement of their principles as deduced from the Scriptures as their constitution.

Art. 9. We believe that Jesus Christ is the great head of the church and the government is with the body.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be continued by the church until his second coming.

We believe that true believers are the only proper subjects of baptism and that immersion is the only proper mode.

Art. 12. We believe the church is composed of baptized believers and none others, and that baptism is the immersion of the body in water, by the authority of a Gospel church, in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Ghost, upon a profession of their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and in the belief of the forgiveness of sin.

Art. 13. We believe that the Lords Supper is a solemn memorial of Christ's death and that it is a church ordinance and should be observed only by those who have been regenerated and who has been Scripturally baptized and who have regular membership in Christ's church.

Art. 14. We believe it the duty of every church to keep a faithful record of all their official acts.

## CONSTITUTION.

Art. 1. This Association shall be known as the Upper Cumberland Valley Association of United Baptist and shall meet annually on Friday at 10 a. m. before the 4th Saturday in August.

Art. 2. The Association shall be composed of churches of the United Baptist Faith and Order.

Art. 3. The Association when convened shall consist of members delegated by the different churches in our Union who being duly chosen to represent them in the Association, and producing from their respective churches letters certifying their appointments, shall be entitled to seats.

Art. 4. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and a Treasurer. Said officers to be elected by private ballot of the Messengers present. The officers to be members of this body.

Art. 5. In the letters from the different churches shall be expressed their number of members in fellowship, those baptized, received by letter, by relation and by restoration; those dismissed by letter, excluded and deceased; also value of church property, number of Sunday-schools and average attendance; amount contributed for Foreign, Home, State and District Missions, Sunday-school and Colportage work, Baptist Orphans Home, Baptist Ministers' Aid Society, other objects and printing minutes.

Art. 6. This Association when convened shall have no ecclesiastical power, nor shall it infringe on the internal rights of the churches, but shall consider and advise for the general good of the Union.

Art. 7. This Association when convened shall be governed by a regular Decorum.

Art. 8. A majority shall rule in all cases except in receiving and dropping out churches.

Art. 9. This Association will not receive nor hold in fellowship churches that receive members from other denominations without baptism.

Art. 10. This Association will not hold it as a bar of fellowship for our members to give or withhold from missionary or benevolent purposes.

Art. 11. This Association will not hold in fellowship Ministers nor churches that hold to the doctrine of mixed communion.

Art. 12. This Association will not hold in fellowship any church or individual that makes, sells, or uses as a beverage alcoholic liquors, and we will withdraw from all such.

Art. 13. This Constitution may be amended at any time by a two-thirds vote the Association.

## RULES OF DECORUM.

Art. 1. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Art. 2. One person only shall speak at a time, who shall when he is about to make any remarks rise from his seat and address the Moderator.

Art. 3. Any member desiring to make a speech shall arise and address the Moderator.

Art. 4. No brother shall be interrupted while speaking unless he violates these rules, then any member or the Moderator may call him to order.

Art. 5. No speaker shall cast any reflection upon the speaker before him, but shall state his propositions as clearly as he can.



Art. 6. No person shall speak more than three times on any subject except by permission of the Association.

Art. 7. No person shall abruptly absent himself from the Association without permission.

Art. 8. No person shall whisper or laugh during the business of the body.

Art. 9. No member shall address another in any appellation than that of brother.

Art. 10. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the messengers and the roll may be called as often as the Association desires.

Art. 11. The Moderator shall be entitled to the same privilege on the floor as any other member, provided the Chair be filled. He shall not vote except when the vote is equal, then he may cast the deciding vote.

Art. 12. Any person making a motion and it being seconded shall be taken under consideration, unless it is withdrawn by the person who made it.

Art. 13. Any person being invited to seats with us and excepting the same shall be permitted to make any motion they think Proper for the benefit of the body.

### OFFICERS OF THE UPPER CUMBERLAND VALLEY ASSOCIATION

H. F. Hensley, Moderator, H. C. Rice, Clerk, T. G. Harris, Treasurer.

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD.

T. G. Harris, Chairman, D. H. Green, Secretary and Treasurer, H. C. Rice, H. F. Hensley, W. H. Shoemaker, N. H. Noe, J. M. Caldwell and A. B. Noe, Evangelists.

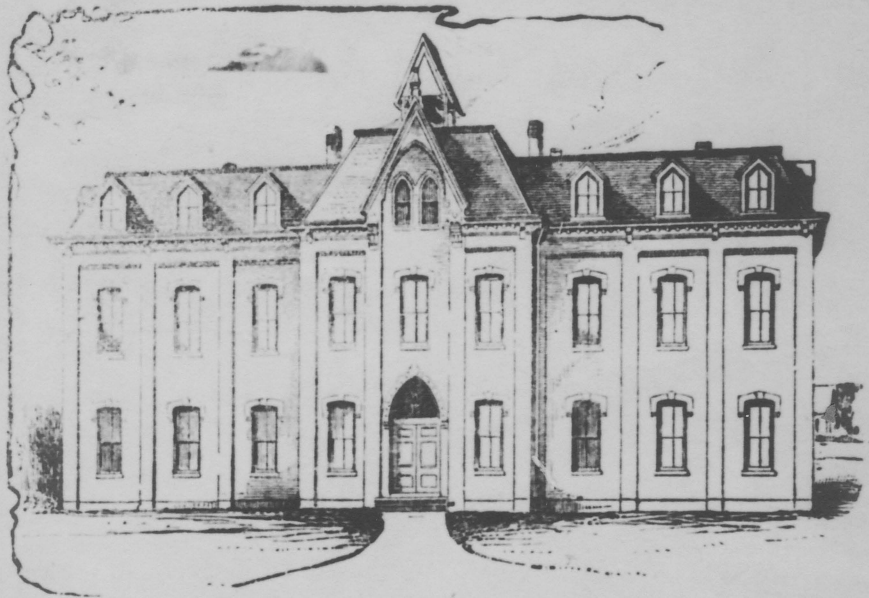
#### NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS.

Eld. N. H. Noe,	-	-	-	-	Waltons' Creek, Ky.
" A. B. Noe,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" D. F. Noe,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" J. J. Noe,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" W. W. Brock,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" H. B. Helton,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" T. G. Harris,	;	-	-	-	Harlan C. H. "
" W. H. Shoemaker,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" Joseph Caldwell,	-	-	-	-	Sandy Fork, "
" Jacob Caldwell,	-	-	-	-	" " "
" J. M. Caldwell,	-	-	-	-	" " "

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS. FOR 1890.

1. Annual sermon
2. Reading of the letters from the churches and organizations of the Association by Moderator, of last year, if present; if not present by the Assistant.
3. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
4. Prayer, read Articles of Faith, Constitution, and Rules of Decorum.
5. Call for correspondence and invite visiting brethren to seats.
6. Call for new churches to join us.
7. Appoint the following committees:—On Divine services, Foreign mission, Home mission, State mission, District mission, Sunday-school and Colportage work, Pastor's support, Education, Religious Periodicals, Temperance, Obituaries, Orphan's Home, Ministers Aid Society, Correspondence and Finance.
8. Report of Executive Board.
9. Report of Committees.
10. Place of holding next annual meeting.
11. Preach next annual sermon—who shall?
12. Printing and distribution of minutes.
13. Read and received minutes.
14. Adjournment.

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