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MINUTES

— OF THE —

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

PANTHER CREEK ASSOCIATION

— OF —

UNITED BAPTISTS,

— HELD WITH THE —

Friendship Church, Warrick Co., Ind.,

— COMMENCING ON —

Friday before the second Saturday in October, 1888,

And lasting two days.

BOONVILLE, IND.
ENQUIRER BOOK AND JOB PRINT.
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MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. W. P. Morrison, from the 5th chapter of St. Matthew, and a part of the 14th verse: "Ye are the light of the world."

The Brother Clerk not being present Rev. J. W. Hopper was appointed Clerk to organize the Association. Letters from the several churches composing this Association called for, read and the messengers names enrolled, with the condition of each church, as given in the following table:

CHURCHES	NAMES OF MESSENGERS.	Rec'd by Exp ^{ce} & Ban	Received by Letter	Received by Revelation	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Dead	Total
West Point	Elders D. B. Voyles, W. P. Morrison and Brethren C. M. Corley, W. G. Voyles and Jeremiah Voyles	12	2	1			2		273
Barnett's Creek	No Letter or Messenger								66
Little Flock	J. T. Baughn and H. C. Baughn						1		143
Little Zion	S. C. Hohliner								64
Pleasant Valley	No Letter or Messenger								56
Clear Run	No Letter or Messenger								48
Pleasant Zion	No Letter or Messenger								39
Friendship	Elder J. W. Hopper, Brethren W. H. McKinney, Charles West, G. W. Hopper, G. B. McKinney	1			1	1	3		69
New Zion	Elder J. H. Sapp, Brethren R. F. Taylor and E. H. Morgan	16							142
Bethany	Bro. John Ambrose								16
New Liberty	No Letter or Messenger								16
Sugar Grove	No Letter or Messenger								13

The Association being organized, proceeded by private ballot to choose a Moderator and Clerk, viz., Rev. D. B. Voyles, Moderator, Rev. J. W. Hopper, Clerk.

1. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Sapp.
2. The rules of decorum not being present the reading of them was deferred till to-morrow.
3. The door of the Association was opened for the reception of churches. None offered.
4. Called for corresponding letters. None.
5. Agreed that Brethren D. B. Voyles, W. P. Morrison, W. H. McKinney and J. W. Hopper be a committee to draft a programme of business and report to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.
6. Adjourned till to-morrow morning at 8:30 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 13TH, 1888.

The Association met according to Adjournment.

1. Prayer by the Moderator.
2. The roll was called. A quorum present.
3. The rules of decorum read and a strict compliance requested by the Moderator.
4. The programme of business read and received and the committee discharged.
5. Agreed that the delegates from Friendship Church be a committee on divine service.
6. The committee on divine service report as follows: Elders Wm. O. Camp, W. P. Morrison fill the stand to-day; Elders J. H. Sapp, Jas. W. Hopper to-night; Elders D. B. Voyles, W. P. Morrison, J. H. Sapp on Lord's day.
7. Agreed that the next Association be held with the New Zion Church, Ohio county, Kentucky, seven miles southeast of Whitesville, commencing on Friday before the fourth Saturday in August, 1889.
8. Agreed that Elder James W. Hopper preach the next introductory sermon and Elder D. B. Voyles alternate.
9. Agreed that Rev. W. O. Camp and W. H. McKinney be a committee to receive contribution for printing minutes, who report \$3.30, contributed, with about \$8.25 in the hands of the Treasurer, making a total of about \$11.55.
10. Agreed that Brother C. M. Corley confer with Brother R. B. Stewart, our former Clerk, concerning the funds in his hands, and that he receive the same and convey it to the present Clerk as soon as possible.
11. Agreed that Rev. J. W. Hopper superintend the printing of the minutes and distributing of them, and that he have four hundred copies printed.
12. Agreed to adjourn till four o'clock p. m.

SATURDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13TH, 1888.

1. Prayer by Wm. H. McKinney.
 2. Resolved, that we, the Panther Creek Association, advise our churches composing this Association to strictly adhere to the Scripture, given in the 18th chapter of St. Matthew, and other scriptures direct in dealing with members.
 3. Resolved, that we, the Panther Creek Association, advise our delinquent churches to be more active in the cause of Christ, and those that have no pastors to secure one as soon as possible.
 4. Agreed to change the time of holding our Association to Friday before the fourth Saturday in August in each year.
 5. We, the Panther Creek Association advise the churches composing this Association to appoint a Union Meeting, and inform their sister churches and request their attendance.
 6. Resolved, that we, the Panther Creek Association, tender our thanks to the Brethern and Sisters of Friendship, church and friends around it for their kind hospitality shown us while in session.
 7. The Association having gone through her business in peace and harmony, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed.
- Attest REV. J. W. HOPPER, Clerk. REV. D. B. VOYLES, Moderator.

LORD'S DAY.

The brethren appointed preached to a large congregation with good effect, we believe.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. The scriptures of the old and new testaments are the infallible word of God, and the only rule of faith and practice.
 2. That there is only one true God, and in the Godhead are divine essence, there are Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
 3. That by nature we are fallen and depraved creatures.
 4. That salvation, regeneration, sanctification and justification are by the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ.
 5. That the saints will finally persevere through grace to glory.
 6. That baptism by immersion is necessary to receive the Lord's supper.
 7. That the salvation of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.
 8. That it is our duty to be tender and affectionate to each other, and study the happiness of the children of God in general, to be engaged singly to promote the love of God.
 9. And the preaching Christ tasted death for every man shall be no bearer for communion.
 10. That each may keep up their Associational and church government as to them may seem best.
 11. That a free correspondence and communion be kept up between the churches thus united.
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RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall be known as the Panther Creek Association of United Baptists, and shall be composed of the messengers delegated from the several churches thus united.
2. This Association shall meet once in each year and oftener, if thought necessary.
3. Her Moderator and Clerk shall be chosen each year by the free suffrage of the members present, and shall continue in office until the Association is again organized.
4. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to keep good order.
5. The Clerk shall keep a book to record the proceedings of the Association.
6. The Moderator shall at each meeting of the Association call for and receive letters from the churches composing the same, and the Clerk shall record the names of the messengers bearing the letters, which messengers shall proceed to choose a Moderator and Clerk; when done the Association will be organized and ready for business.
7. And in all cases except that of receiving of members, a majority shall rule, but in the reception of members a unanimity must be had.
8. The Association shall appoint a committee on arrangements and all letters containing business shall be marked business by the Clerk and handed to the committee to arrange for the decision of the Association.
9. The Association shall by her Moderator open a door for the reception of members.
10. Each church in the Association shall stand in the same relation to each other as members do in churches.
11. This Association shall be restricted to that of a counsel of advice.
12. All motions made and seconded shall be attended to, unless withdrawn by the parties or by a vote of the Association.
13. The Association shall be opened by prayer and closed by the same.
14. Any members speaking to a motion shall rise to his feet and address the Moderator with the appellation of Brother, and shall strictly attend to the motion before the Association. Any departure from this rule shall be called to order.
15. No member shall be at liberty to leave his seat or withdraw himself in time of business without leave of the Moderator.
16. The Association shall have power to transact any business commonly done by Associations, that does not conflict with her general rules.
17. The Moderator shall have the same right to speak as any other member by leaving his seat filled by a suitable brother.