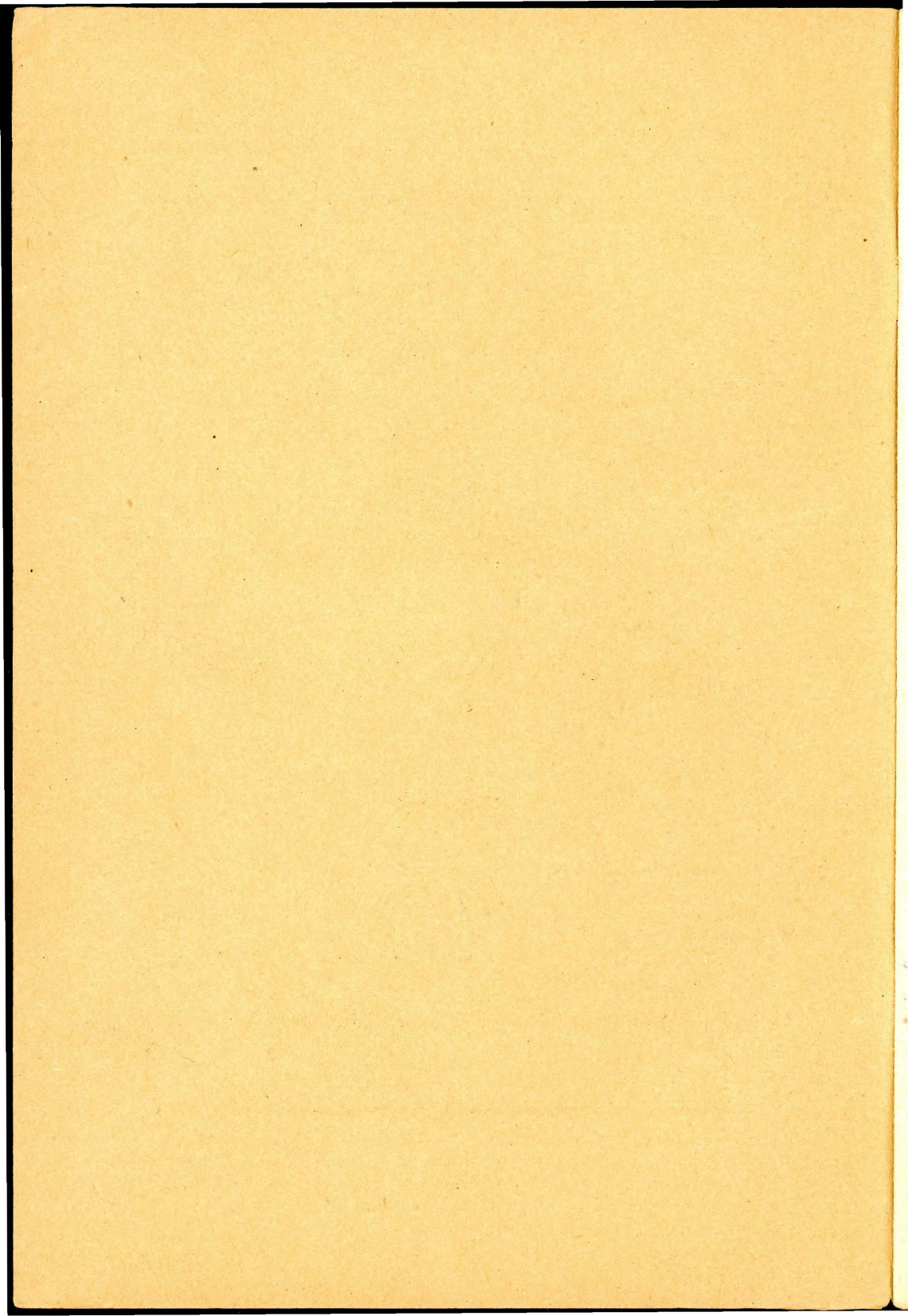


MINUTES
OF THE
**ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION**
OF THE
Cumberland Association
OF
PRIMITIVE BAPTIST



HELD WITH
**Leiper's Fork Church, Williamson County,
Tennessee, Sept. 26th, 27th and 28th,
Nineteen Hundred and Twenty-Four**



MINUTES

Of the One Hundred and Twenty-Second Annual Session of the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptist held with Leiper's Fork Church, Williamson County, Tenn., Sept. 26, 27, 28, 1924 .

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. P. Russell.

The preaching was continued at the stand by Elders D. M. Still and H. M. Sanders.

The Messengers of the Association met in the house and was called to order by the Moderator, prayer by Elder J. C. Ross.

The names of the churches were then called and Messengers names enrolled. (See table.)

Organized by electing Elder W. P. Russell, Moderator, and E. R. Coleman, Clerk.

Brethren from sister churches invited to seats.

Corresponding letters and minutes received as follows:

West Tennessee—Letters and minutes by Elders D. M. Still, H. M. Sanders, W. R. Rushton.

Round Lick—Letters and minutes by Elder E. S. Frye.

Sequatchie River—Letters and minutes received by mail. No messengers.

Buffalo River—Letters and minutes by Elder N. J. Hinson.

Forked Deer—No Intelligence.

Greenfield—Elder J. C. Ross. No minutes.

Powell Valley—No intelligence.

Fountain Creek—No intelligence.

Highland—Letters and minutes by Elder Lester Carneal, H. A. Vaughn, W. T. Sisk and Hardy Cullen.

Second Creek—Letters and minutes by T. B. Graves, E. C. Turpin, C. Butler, W. D. Joiner.

Petitionary Letters called for. None.

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

The following committee appointed on arrangement, Elder W. L. Murray, Jno. Haynes, W. L. Adair with Moderator and Clerk.

On Finance—Elder M. C. Johnson and J. A. Johnson.

On Correspondence—G. W. West, R. J. Jeannette.

The deacons were appointed a committee on preaching and those appointed on Saturday were: Elders E. J. Joiner, C. W. Miller and W. R. Rushton.

Those appointed to preach on Sunday were: Elders J. C. Ross, E. S. Frye and the Moderator to close.

Prayer by Elder W. R. Rushton.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY

Prayer by Elder N. J. Hinson.

The roll was called.

The Committee on Arrangements reported the order of business as in former minutes. Report received and committee discharged.

The Committee on Correspondence read a letter to corresponding sister associations which was received and committee discharged.

Volunteer messengers were appointed as follows:—

West Tennessee—Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1925, with Buffalo church in Humphreys county. Get off at Waverly, Tenn., Elders W. P. Russell, A. R. Sparkman, Jno. W. Haynes and W. M. Johnson.

Round Lick—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1925, with the church at Bildad, seven miles west of Smithville in DeKalb county, Tenn. Elder W. P. Russell, J. H. Hyde, J. A. Johnson, J. R. Jordon, Elder W. L. Murray and R. N. Graves.

Sequatchie Valley—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1925, with Sweetens Cove church. Elders M. C. Johnson, W. P. Russell and A. R. Sparkman.

Buffalo River—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1925, with Center church in Lewis county, Elders M. C. Johnson, Allan McGee, R. B. Jeannette.

Forked Deer—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1925, with the church at J. A. Johnson.

Greenfield—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1924, with the church at Fulton, Elders W. L. Murray, R. N. Graves and Brothers J. A. Johnson and J. H. Hyde.

Powell Valley—Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1925, with the church at Elders W. P. Russell, J. A. Johnson, J. R. Jordan.

Fountain Creek—Friday before the first Sunday in September, 1925, with the church at New Hope.

Highland—Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1925, with the church at Tirza, Webster county, Ky., Elders W. L. Murray, R. N. Graves.

Second Creek—Friday before the third Sunday in September, 1925, with the church at Holbert Springs, Elders W. L. Murray, M. C. Johnson and R. N. Graves, and Bro. Allan McGee.

Our next association will be held at the church at Big Harpeth at Franklin, Tenn., commencing on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1925, Elder R. N. Graves to preach the introductory and Elder W. L. Murray, alternate. The Moderator to arrange the preaching on Friday.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of \$25.75. Report received and committee discharged.

Ordained Ministers and Postoffice Address:

Elder M. C. Johnson, Thompson Station, Tenn., R 1.

Elder W. P. Russell, Arrington, Tenn., R. 1.

Elder R. N. Graves, Eagleville, Tenn., R 1.

Elder W. L. Murray, Nashville, Tenn., 1610 East Douglas Ave.

Agreed to have 700 copies of minutes printed, the Clerk to superintend the printing and distribution of same and have the residue for his services after paying all expenses.

The Association tenders sincere thanks to the dear brethren, sisters and kind friends, who so lovingly and generously cared for us and earnestly prays the Lord to abundantly bless them.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk.

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

CORRESPONDING LETTER

The Cumberland Association now in session with the church at Leiper's Fork, Williamson County, Tenn., September 26, 27 and 28, 1924 to her sister associations with which she corresponds.

Dear brethren we feel thankful to the Lord that we have been permitted to meet in an associated capacity in perfect peace and union among ourselves. It affords us great joy and encouragement to have with us so many of our brethren and sisters, especially in the ministry. We have some intelligence from most our correspondence (though large) for which we feel thankful to the Lord, and do earnestly desire that friendly relation may continue. We have chosen our brethren by their consent as shown in our minutes to bear this message to you whom we hope you will invite to seats with you.

Our next meeting will be held with Big Harpeth church near Franklin, Tenn., on Liberty Pike, on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1925, where we hope to meet you. Now may the great head of the church rule over you and us to his glory and our good is our prayer for Jesus sake.

Signed by order of the Association this September 27, 1924.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk.

ELDER. W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be known as the Cumberland Association of Primitive Baptists.

Article 2. An Association is a body formed for the purpose of obtaining a more general acquaintance with the state of the churches maintaining a friendly intercourse with each other, giving advice in case of difficulty, etc., this Association shall, therefore, exercise no authority over the several churches of which it is composed, but shall regard them as entirely independent, give full credit to their acts, and never pass any censure or annulment thereon.

Article 3. The churches belonging to this Association shall be such as hold the following doctrines, viz: The unity of God, the existence of three equal powers in the Godhead; the just condemnation and total depravity of all mankind by the fall of our first parents; personal and unconditional election in Christ before the foundation of the world; the proper divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ that is He is the true God; the necessity of His atonement and its special relation to the sins of the elect only; the Lord's Supper, a privilege peculiar to baptized believers regularly admitted to church fellowship; the resurrection of the body (at the last day such of the saints as are found alive shall not sleep, but be changed, and all the dead shall be raised up with self-same bodies and none other, although with different qualifications, which shall be united again to their souls forever; the bodies of the unjust shall, by the power of Christ, be raised to dishonor—the bodies of the just, by His Spirit, unto honor and be made conformable to His own glorious body; the general judgment and final happiness of the saints and misery of the wicked alike interminable; the obligation of every intelligent creature to love God supremely, to believe what God says and practice what God commands; and the divine inspiration of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the only complete and infallible rule of faith and practice.

Article 4. Any church desiring to be received into this Association shall make application by letter, and give an explicit and satisfactory declaration of her faith and practice; and any church departing from the articles of faith expressed in this constitution shall be excluded from the privileges of this Association.

Article 5. Each church in this Association shall be entitled to

represent herself by three messengers, on producing evidence of their appointment, and it is expected that each church will send a letter to the Association, containing the names of messengers, her number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed by letter, excluded, deceased and the number belonging to her communion.

Article 6. This Association shall meet on Friday before the fourth Sunday in September.

Article 7. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk, and Treasurer, who shall be chosen annually by a ballot, and continue in office until after a new election.

Article 8. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside in the Association during its sessions, to preserve order and propose questions and announce decisions; but except on questions of order he shall never speak himself, unless he orders some other member to fill the chair for the time, and then he shall be governed by the same rules and restrictions as other members.

Article 9. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep a true minute of all proceedings of the Association and prepare the same for publication as the Association shall direct.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of the monies of the Association, to pay the same or any part thereof, at any and all times to the order of the Association, which order shall always be furnished him in writing, signed by the clerk; to keep an account of all receipts and disbursements and present it annually for the examination of the Association.

Article 11. Alterations and amendments to the Constitution may be made by the majority of the Association whenever they may deem it necessary.

RULES OF DECORUM

Article 1. When the Association convenes for business it shall be opened and closed by prayer.

Article 2. The Constitution and Rules of Decorum shall be read by the clerk at the opening of the Association, and lie on the table for the perusal of its members.

Article 3. The clerk shall call over the names of the members as often as the Association may require.

Article 4. Each speaker shall rise from his seat and address the Moderator; he shall strictly adhere to the subject under consideration, and shall not be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of the Association.

Article 5. Every motion made and second shall come under the consideration of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

Article 6. Every query sent to the Association shall be first read, and if it is decided by a majority of the votes to consider the same, it shall be discussed; if not, it shall be withdrawn.

Article 7. Only one person shall speak at a time, and when two or more members shall rise to speak at nearly the same moment, the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the preference.

Article 8. When a member in speaking has occasion to mention the name of another member he shall use the appellation of "Brother."

Article 9. The Moderator shall not interrupt any member in or prohibit him speaking unless he violates the rules.

Article 10. Anything debated in this Assembly which may not be thought proper to appear in the minutes may be expunged by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

Article 11. Alterations, additions or amendments may be made at any time to the foregoing rules by a majority of the members present.

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