



MINUTES OF THE

SEVENTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

— OF THE —

ELK RIVER ASSOCIATION

— OF THE —

Primitive Baptist Church of Jesus Christ,

Held at Elk River Meeting House, Coffee County, Tenn., on Saturday before the Second Sunday in September, 1886, and the two following days.

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Names and Addresses of Ordained Ministers.

Elder J. W. Holman, Fayetteville, Tennessee.
 " J. G. Woods, " "
 " E. W. Walker, Mulberry, "
 " J. E. Frost, Shelbyville, "
 " R. H. Johnson, Lynchburg, "
 " A. Brown, Tullahoma, "
 " J. R. Cleek, Tullahoma, "
 " J. B. Hudgins, Winchester, "
 " James Wagner, Decherd, "
 " B. A. McLain, Fosterville, "
 " W. L. Ferguson, Sherwood, "
 " J. G. Woodrin, Rucker, "
 " L. M. Gordon, Jordan's Valley, "
 " W. A. Cashion, Awalt. "

NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

Wagner's Creek—J. K. Champion, Decherd, Tennessee.
 Elk River—I. M. Wilkinson, Pelham, "
 Bean's Creek—Andrew Woods, Maxwell, "
 Shiloh—I. J. Walker, George's Store, "
 Winchester Springs—J. M. Holden, Tullahoma, "
 Flat Creek—W. H. Kingree, Flat Creek, "
 Bethel—J. T. Motlow, Lynchburg, "
 Mulberry—T. W. Warren, Chestnut Ridge, "
 Arbor—J. E. Spencer, Lynchburg, "
 New Hope—James Bramblett, Wartrace, "
 Bethlehem—J. P. Stephens, Haley's Station, "
 Union—J. W. Hale, Fosterville, "
 Mount Pisgah—W. J. Lloyd, Fall Creek, "
 Mount Moriah—R. J. Small, Mulberry, "
 Concord—W. T. Ferguson, Norris Creek, "
 Buckeye—M. H. Conaway, Fayetteville, "
 Rocky Point—Charley Weiss, Kelso, "

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The introductory sermon was delivered by Elder J. G. Woods, from Eph. 2d chapter, 8th, 9th and 10th verses: "For we are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus, etc." After which the Messengers from the different churches met at the house and were called to order by the former Moderator; and after singing and prayer by C. W. Nance, letters from the different churches were called for and presented by their Messengers; read and names of messengers enrolled, they took their seats. The letters show the state of the churches to be as exhibited in the table.

Organization.

The Association organized by choosing Elder J. W. Holman Moderator, and Elder J. E. Frost, Clerk, and R. J. Small, Assistant Clerk, and proceeded to business, as follows:

First. Read the constitution and rules of decorum. Second.—Called for petitionary letters—none presented.

Correspondence.

Letters of correspondence were then called for and received from the following Associations:

1st. Flint River—Letter and Minutes. No Messenger.

2d. Cumberland—No intelligence.

3d. Mud Creek—No Letter and Minutes. Messenger, W. J. Swain.

4th Sequachee Valley—Letter and Minutes, and Messengers, Elders J. B. Rogers and S. Beene, Bros. W. Smith, O. R. Beene and M. W. Hackworth.

5th. Round Lick—Letter and Minutes by her Messenger, Elder D. Warford.

6th. Stone's River—Letter and Minutes. Elder W. B. Owen and Bro. C. W. Nance.

7th. Fountain Creek—Letter and Minutes, by their Messengers, Elder J. J. Short and Elder W. J. Marcum.

8th. Collin's River—Letter and Minutes by the hands of her Messengers, Elders D. T. Nowlin and H. W. Arledge, and Bros. W. D. Meeks and Mat Hackworth.

On motion all Ministers and Brethren of our faith and order present be and are hereby invited to seats with us.

Committees.

Appointed Daniel Warden, W. A. Cashion, J. K. Champion, J. B. Bramblett and W. S. Hix, together with the Moderator and Clerks, a committee to arrange the order of business for Monday.

Appointed the Clerks a committee on Correspondence.

Appointed Elders A. J. Willis, J. J. Short and D. Warford to occupy the stand on Sunday, services to commence at 10 o'clock. Adjourned by motion to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Elder W. A. Cashion.

Sunday Morning--10 o'clock.

The Elders appointed to preach today did so in the order following: Elder D. Warford, from II Timothy, 1st chapter, 9th and 10th

verses: "Who hath saved us and called us with a holy calling?" etc. Elder A. J. Willis, text, "I will publish the name of the Lord?" etc.—Deut. 32d chapter, 3d verse. Elder J. J. Short, from St. John, 5th chapter, 36th verse: "But I have greater witness than that of John," etc. Closed with an exhortation by Elder J. G. Woods. Notwithstanding the rain, which caused some confusion, still we hope good was accomplished through the name of Christ.

Monday Morning--8 o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder J. G. Woodfin.

1st. Called the roll; a quorum present.

2d. Called on the Committee of Arrangement to report, who report the order of business as follows. Report received and committee discharged.

1st. Appointed Elders W. B. Owens, M. L. Gordon and W. J. Marcum to preach to the people today.

2d Called on Committee of Correspondence to report, who report letters of correspondence to the following Associations. Report received and committee discharged: 1st to Flint River, Elder R. H. Johnson and Bro. J. E. Spencer, at Pleasant Grove meeting house, Lincoln county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in October, 1886.

2d. To Cumberland, Elders J. R. Cleek, J. E. Frost and Bros. J. M. Brooks and H. W. Clark, at Enon meeting house, Bedford county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before fourth Sunday in September, 1886.

3d. To Mud Creek, Bro. A. Woods, at Mt. Pisgah meeting house Marshall county, Ala., 6 miles southeast of Woodville, on the M & C. railroad, Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1886.

4th. Sequachee Valley, Elders J. G. Woodfin, J. E. Frost, J. G. Woods and Bro. H. W. Clark, at Swift Shoals, Marion county, Tenn., near Owen's Station, on the Jasper Branch railroad, on Friday before the third Sunday in August, 1887.

5th. To Round Lick, Elders J. E. Frost, J. B. Hudgins and Bro. A. Woods; and Elder J. G. Woods, at Hickman Creek, Smith county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before the first Sunday in September, 1887.

6th. To Stone's River, Elders J. E. Frost, J. G. Woodfin, Bros.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	Sundays.	COMMUNION MONTHS.	MESSENGERS' NAMES.	Contributed.	Total.	Died.	Restored.	Excluded.	Dismissed by letter.	Received by letter.	Baptized.
FIRST SECTION.											
Elk River.	1	May and October.	W. C. Wilkinson and I. M. Wilkinson.	70	14						
Wagner's Creek.	4	"	Green Sublett, J. K. Woods, J. K. Chapman.	1.50	44						
Beau's Creek.	2	"	Andrew Woods, D. S. Reynolds, G. W. Thompson.	1.00	11						
Shiloh.	4	"	George Tylor, I. J. Walker.	1.00	14						
*Winchester Springs.	3	"	Elds. A. Brown, J. R. Cleek, J. B. Huggins.	1.00	23						
SECOND SECTION.											
Flat Creek.	4	May and August.	Eld. J. E. Frost, W. S. Hix, T. S. Word.	2.00	58						
Bethel.	3	October.	T. L. D. Parks, James Conner.	1.00	22						
Mulberry.	4	"	Joseph Renegar, E. Warren.	1.00	1						
Arbor.	1	June.	R. H. Johnson, W. A. Cashion, R. L. Bedford, J. E. Spencer.	2.50	55						
THIRD SECTION.											
New Hope.	1	May and October.	W. T. Keller, J. M. Brooks, W. B. Chilton.	1.50	34						
Bethlehem.	3	"	Wm. Ayers, R. H. Stephens, J. B. Bramblett.	1.50	28						
Union.	2	"	Eld. J. G. Woodfin, W. W. Payne, Robt. Henry.	1.50	32						
Mount Pisgah.	1	"	Not represented.	1.50							
FOURTH SECTION.											
Mount Moriah.	2	May and October.	R. J. Small, J. C. Shoifer, W. P. Tolly, N. A. Taylor.	2.50	88						
Concord.	4	"	W. J. Landless, J. Cunningham, W. T. Ferguson, T. W. Smith.	3.00	62						
Buckeye.	1	"	Elds. J. G. Woods, J. W. Holman and bro. J. R. Routt.	2.00	1						
Rocky Point.	3	"	Letter but no Messengers.	3.00	14						

*Winchester Springs, Changed from Blue Creek to Winchester Spring.

H. W. Clark and J. G. Frost, at Overall's meeting house, commencing Saturday before the third Sunday in September, 1886.

7th. To Fountain Creek, Bros. J. R. Routt, T. W. Smith and Wm. P. Tolley, at Lynn Creek meeting house, Gipsonville, Giles county, Tenn., commencing on Saturday before 1st Sunday in September, 1887.

8th. To Collin's River, Elders J. G. Woodfin and H. W. Clark, at Cedar Springs meeting house, Marion county, Tenn., commencing Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1887.

Sectional Meetings.

First Section—At Elk River, Friday before the first Sunday in May, 1887; Elders W. A. Cashion and J. W. Holman to attend.

Second Section—At Mulberry, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1887; Elders J. B. Hudgins, W. A. Cashion and Brethren R. J. Small and W. W. Payne to attend.

Third Section—At Mt. Pisgah, Friday before the first fifth Sunday after April, 1887; Elders J. E. Frost and J. G. Woodfin to attend.

Fourth Section—At Mount Moriah, Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1887; Elders J. E. Frost and J. R. Cleek to attend.

Finance Committee.

Appointed Bro. W. C. Wilkingson and W. T. Keller a committee on Finance, who report received from the churches this year \$26 70. Report received and committee discharged.

Requested Elder J. R. Cleek to preach the next introductory sermon at Arbor, Moore county, Tenn., at 10 o'clock Saturday before the second Sunday in September, 1887, and in case of failure, Elder J. G. Woodfin.

Requested the Clerk to superintend the printing and distributing 800 copies of these minutes, reserving 150 copies for correspondence, and that he be allowed the funds remaining in his hands after paying printing and distributing expenses for his services.

On motion the minutes were read and approved.

Having gone through with the business of the Association, on motion adjourned. Prayer by Elder J. R. Cleek.

J. W. HOLMAN, Moderator.

J. E. FROST, Clerk.
R. J. SMALL, Ass't Clerk.

