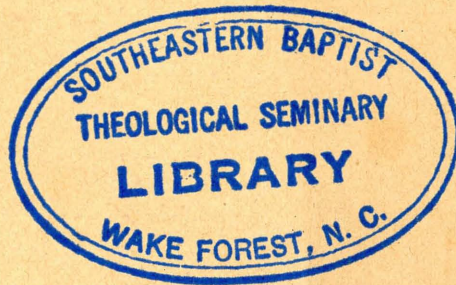
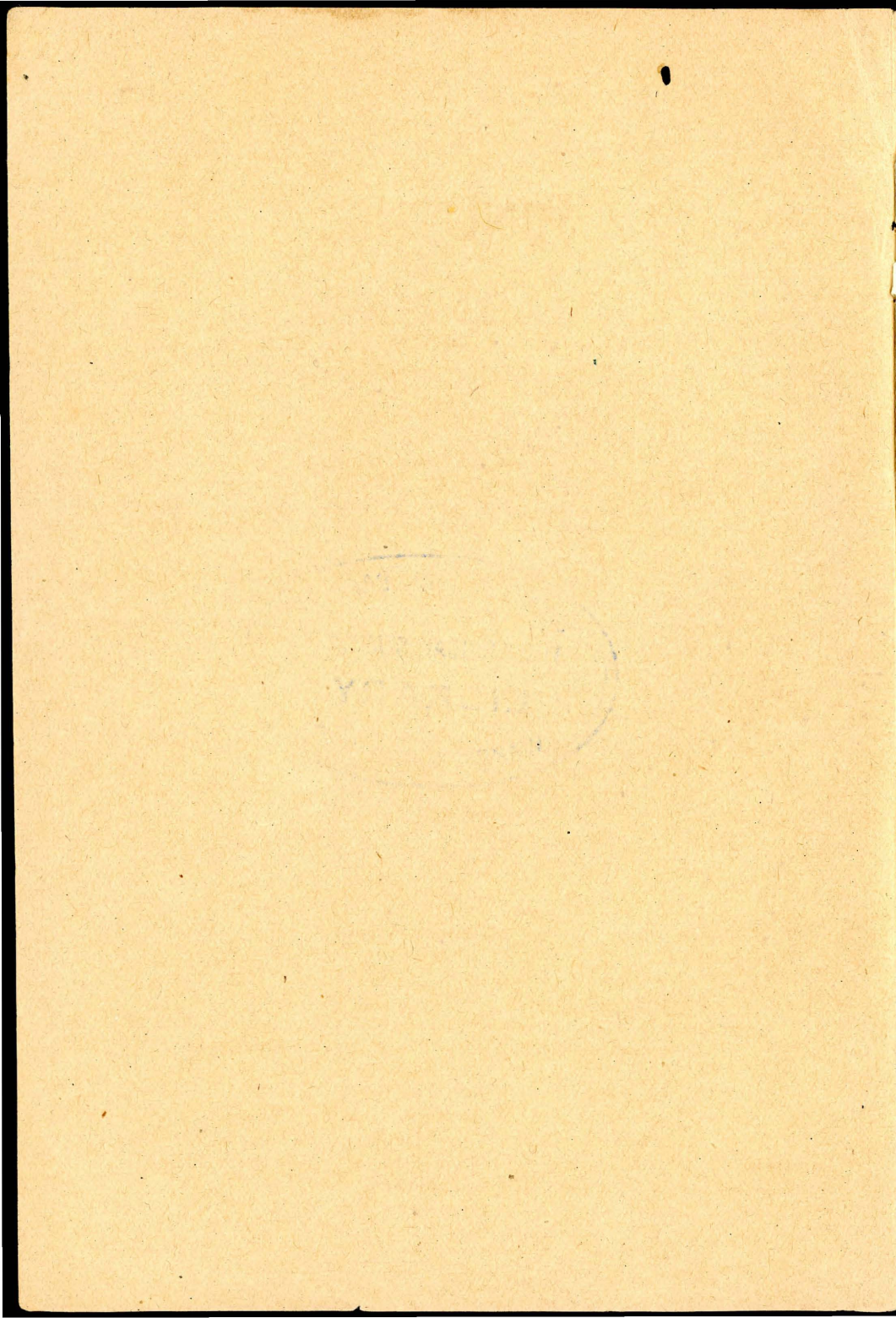


Minutes of the One Hundred and Seven-
teenth Annual Session of

**Cumberland Association
of Primitive Baptists**



Held with the Church at Eagleville, Ruth-
erford County, Tenn., Friday, Saturday
and Sunday, Sept. 26, 27 and 28, 1919



MINUTES

Minutes of the One Hundred Seventeenth Annual session of the Cumberland Association of the Primitive Order of Baptists, held with the church at Eagleville, Rutherford County, Tennessee, Friday before the fourth Sunday in September, and the two days following, 1919.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder R. N. Graves from Isaiah, 40th chapter and 1st verse, "Comfort ye, comfort ye, my people, sayth your God. The preaching was continued at the stand by Bros. Byron and Ab Graves and Sanders.

The messengers of the Association met at the house and were called to order by the Moderator. Praise and prayer by Elder K. M. Myatt.

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 of all sister churches invited to seats.

Corresponding letters were received as follows:

West Tennessee—Letters and Minutes by Elder H. M. Sanders.

Round Lick—Letters and Minutes by Eld. E. S. Frye and Brethren Wade, Lankford, N. B. West and Levi Hackett.

Seaquachie Valley—Letters and Minutes by Bro. C. G. Byron.

Buffalo River—(No intelligence).

Forked Deer—(No intelligence).

Greenfield—Letters and Minutes by Elds. A. B. Ross and K. M. Myatt.

Powell's Valley—Minutes received, but no messenger.

Fountain Creek—Letters and Minutes by Bros. W. H. Newton, James M. Ingram, Ab Graves and Frank Graves.

Highland—(No intelligence).

Corresponding and visiting brethren invited to seats.

The following committees were appointed:

On Arrangements—G. W. West, W. L. Adair and Elder F. M. White.

On Finance—Brethren J. R. Jordan and R. N. Graves.

On Correspondence—Elds. W. L. Murray and M. C. Johnson.

The Deacons were appointed on committee of arrangements for preaching, and those appointed to preach on Saturday were: Elders K. M. Myatt, W. M. Bullard and E. J. Joiner.

Appointed to preach on Sunday: Eld. K. M. Myatt, E. S. Frye and A. B. Ross.

Adjourned to meet Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY—SATURDAY.

Praise and prayer by Eld. E. S. Frye.

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.

Volunteer messengers were appointed to bear letters and minutes as follows:

West Tennessee—Friday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1920, with the church at Water Valley, Dickson County, Tenn., 6 miles south of Dickson.—Bros. G. W. West, W. L. Adair, C. N. Taylor and T. E. Pinson and Eld. R. N. Graves.

Round Lick—Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1920, with the church at Friendship, Smith County, Tenn., 10 miles north of Carthage.—Elds. W. L. Murray, W. R. Russell and Bro. J. H. Hyde, A. R. Sparkman, J. A. Owen, J. R. Owen, E. W. Rudder, G. W. West and Eld. M. C. Johnson

Sequachie Valley—Friday before the second Sunday in August, 1920, with the church at North Chattanooga church, Tenn.—Eld. W. P. Russell, Bro. J. R. Jordan, Eld. M. C. Johnson.

Buffalo River—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1920, with the church at Euron, Perry County, Tenn., 15 miles from Kimmons West.—Elds. W. L. Murray, M. C. Johnson.

Forked Deer—Friday before the second Sunday in September, 1920, with the church at Dyer, Crockett County, Tenn., 1 1-2 miles from Murray's Junction, 3 miles from Friendship on the D. & N. W. R. R.

Greenfield—Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1919, with the church at Bethel, Graves County, Ky., near Fulton.—Eld. W. L. Murray, Bro. J. H. Hyde, G. W. West.

Powell's Valley—Friday before the third Saturday in August, 1920, with the church at Rose Hill, Union County, Tenn., 5 miles north of Maynardsville.—Eld. M. C. Johnson and Bros. S. A. Farnsworth, Eld. W. P. Russell.

Fountain Creek—Friday before the first Sunday in Sept., 1920, with the church at New Hope, 1 mile west of Thach, Ala., 5 miles east of Elkton, Tenn.—Eld. R. N. Graves, Bros. J. R. Jordan, J. W. Kimmons.

Highland—Friday before the fourth Sunday in August, 1920, with the church at Antioch, Hopkins County, Ky.—Elds. W. L. Murray, M. C. Johnson, Bros. J. H. Hyde, C. N. Taylor.

Our Association will next be held with the church at Enon, Bedford County, Tenn., 12 miles of Fosterville, 7 miles of Chapel Hill, Tenn., to begin on Friday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1920. Elder W. L. Murray to preach the introductory sermon and Eld. W. P. Russell, alternate.

The Moderators to arrange the preaching on Friday.

The Finance Committee reported the sum of \$25.30. Report received and committee discharged.

The names of the ordained ministers and their addresses:

Eld. W. P. Russell, Arrington, Tennessee.

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

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

Eld. W. L. Murray, Nashville, Tenn., 940 Douglas Ave.

Eld. F. M. White, Thompson Station, Tenn., R. 1.

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

The Association tenders their sincere thanks to the dear brethren, sisters and kind friends, who so lovingly and generously cared for us.

We pray the Holy Spirit to abundantly bless them.

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

E. R. COLEMAN, Church Clerk.

CORRESPONDING LETTER.

The Cumberland Association now in session with the church at Eagleville, Rutherford County, Tenn., Sept. 26, 27, 28, 1919.

To Her Sister Associations With Whom She Corresponds:

Dear Brethren: We feel thankful to the Lord that we have again been permitted to meet in an associational union in perfect peace among ourselves.

It affords us great joy and encouragement to have with us so many of our brethren and sisters, especially ministers. We have heard from most of our correspondence in some way, for which we feel thankful to the Lord, and do earnestly desire that our brotherly relation continue.

We have appointed our brethren (with their consent) as shown in our minutes to bear this letter to you, whom we hope you will invite to seats with you.

The place of our next meeting will be with the church at Enon, Bedford County, Tenn., 12 miles of Fosterville, and 7 miles of Chapel Hill.

Now may the Great Head of the Church reign and rule over you, is the prayer of your Sister.

Done and signed by order of the Association, this Sept. 26, 1919.

ELDER W. P. RUSSELL, Moderator.

E. R. COLEMAN, Clerk.

STATISTI

CHURCH.	CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES	NA
Enon	J. W. Kimmins	J. W. Kimmins
Big Harpeth	E. R. Coleman, Franklin Tenn.	Ino. Gatlin,
Wilson's Creek .	C. J. Pettus, College Grove, Tenn.	Eld. W. P. F
Stephen's Grove	Not Represe
Cool Spring	O. C. Lillard, Thompson Sta., Tenn...	Eld. F. M. V
Leiper's Fork ...	G. L. Sparkman, Thompson Sta., Tenn.	Eld. M. C. J
Eagleville	C. N. Taylor, Eagleville, Tenn.	C. N Taylor
Providence	Not Represe
Overall	J. W. Haynes, Murfreesboro, Tenn...	Not Represe
College Street ..	Dr. McKeel, Nashville, Tenn.	Eld. W. L. M
White's Creek ...	J. A. Owens, White's Creek, Tenn...	J. A. Owens

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NAMES OF MESSENGERS.

	Rec'd by Baptism ..	Rec'd by Rec.	Rec'd by Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Total Membership ...	Sunday of Meeting ..	Contribution
ins, F. M. Ezell, Eld. R. N. Graves	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	3	2.50
Wess Gamblin, G. W. West	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	33	4	2.50
ussell, C. J. Pettus, J. W. Pettus ..	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	44	1	2.00
nted										
White, F. A. Glenn, L. H. Lillard ..	2	0	0	0	4	0	3	85	2	2.50
ohnson	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	58	3	2.00
. T. E. Pinson, W. L. Adair	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	44	4	2.00
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urray, J. R. Jordan, P. A. Walker	1	0	4	1	1	0	8	89	1	3.00
, J. R. Owens	1	0	0	0	3	0	2	16	3	2.00

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 cases 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 animadversion 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 of 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 selfsame 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 blonging 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 ordered some other member 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 the 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 moneys 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 this Constitution may be made by a 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 seconded 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.

